



Scarborough Public Schools

December 13, 2024

School Building Advisory Committee -Phase II

What is Different About This Project?

The Scarborough School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) has entered Phase 2 of its effort towards the development of a solution to current and future space deficiencies within the K-8 schools. Here's how this effort is different from the last one:



Exploring Multiple Options:

Instead of focusing on a single solution, such as a consolidated school, the SBAC is evaluating four alternatives identified last spring:

1. Building a fourth neighborhood school and renovating the existing ones.
2. Constructing a new grade 2–3 school and renovating the current schools.
3. Renovating and expanding the three neighborhood schools and Scarborough Middle School.
4. Building a single consolidated elementary school.

Each option has its unique strengths, challenges, and trade-offs. The committee may also consider additional ideas or modifications as it considers the best school solution.

Expert Guidance and Community Input:

Harriman, an architectural firm familiar with our schools' strengths and deficiencies, is assisting in refining and evaluating these options. The SBAC will conduct two community surveys to both inform residents about the options and gather feedback to identify a solution that will garner broad community support and meet the needs of the school district.

Budget-Driven Planning:

This time, the process starts with a target budget. Based on Spring 2024 community survey results, it is estimated that a proposal in the \$70–\$130 million range, or slightly higher, is likely to gain community approval. The Building Committee is working from a target in the range of \$100 million. This budget focus ensures that critical design elements are prioritized without exceeding financial limits.

Enhanced Community Engagement:

Recognizing the importance of keeping the entire community engaged, especially those without ties to the schools, the SBAC is implementing a comprehensive outreach communication plan. This includes:

1. Multiple community forums to update the community and seek input that will inform the final supported solution.
2. Two community surveys, with accompanying informational pieces, to inform the community about the options being considered, and to solicit feedback on the options as the committee evaluates them.
3. A revamped website with FAQs and a contact link for questions and input.
4. Regular updates via the town's and school district's newsletters, The Leader, and social media.

What comes next? Upcoming opportunities to make your voice heard:

- Attend upcoming Community Forum #1: January 21, 2025
 1. Learn about the 4 Options and provide feedback
 2. Participate in an interactive session: Crafting the Design Statement
- Take our first Community Survey on the options: Late January/Early February
 1. This is your chance to make your voice heard on the 4 initial options.
 2. Feedback from this survey will inform the decisions the SBAC makes as they work toward the final supported solution.
 3. More detail on the survey to come! Stay tuned!

The SBAC is committed to developing a fiscally responsible solution that meets Scarborough's needs and has community support. Stay tuned for updates!

Cannabis Use in Adolescence

What Parents Need to Know

Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm via Zoom

Cannabis products sold today are 5x stronger than the cannabis of the 1970's. Youth cannabis use can alter brain development, and increase the risk of anxiety and severe mental illness. Join us to learn how cannabis use is impacting Maine youth and what parents can do to help.



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Presenter
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Register here via Zoom: bit.ly/MEYouthCannabisUse



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Winter Weather is Upon Us!



- Based on the approved calendar, there are 2 traditional snow days built into our approved calendar this year
- Any additional weather-related days will be asynchronous remote learning days
- Building leaders and school staff are finalizing plans/procedures for this year
- A dedicated webpage is being created and will go live soon,

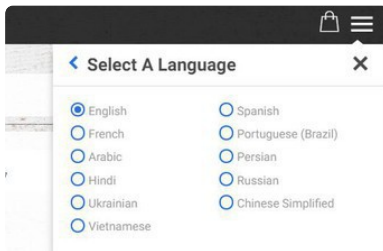
explaining overall procedures, as well as school by school plans, to ensure there is strong communication with families

Board of Education December 5th Meeting Update

Click [here](#) for an update on the December 5th School Board business meeting.



News from the SPS Nutrition Department about Nutrislice



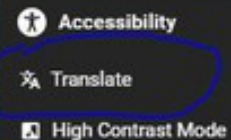
All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account> before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration process.

Did you know the Nutrislice technology that provides all of your child/ren's school digital menus, can now be translated into a number of different languages. Ukrainian and French to name a few?



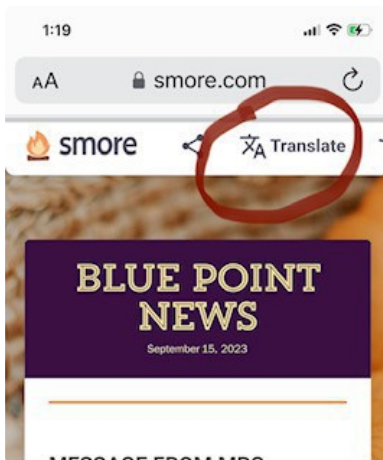
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September 15, 2023



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If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation tools in Smore is an essential step in making sure ALL of our families are included and have the most up to date information.

The picture to the side shows the translate feature on a mobile device.

Community Bulletin Board Information



Below are some great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. Click on this link [Community Bulletin Board](#) for more information.

- Scarborough Community Services Maine Celtics Tickets for 01/15/2025 Game.
- SCS New Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Youth Football - "Try Tackle" Spring 2025
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

Important Dates

[2024- 2025 School Calendar](#)

- December 17, 2024 - Cannabis Use in Adolescence (Zoom)
- December 19, 2024 - School Board Workshop and Business Meeting
- December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025 Winter Break
- January 2, 2024 - School Board Business Meeting
- January 15, 2024 - K-12 Early Release
- January 21, 2024 - School Building Advisory Committee Public Forum



**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

2024-2025 School Calendar



This year's calendar will allow for up to two "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted two days are needed, those days will be **asynchronous** remote learning days, consistent with how the school calendar has looked like for the past few years. Your child's school will be sharing more details about what that will look like as the year unfolds.

The 2024-2025 school calendar can be found [here](#).

Reminder

Scarborough Public Schools' Central Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, even though the Municipal Building is closed. Please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) at Town Hall to contact the School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.



Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

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WE ARE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- SPED Ed Techs
- Custodians
- Bus Drivers
- Kitchen Staff
- Middle School Coaches
- High School Coaches

SCAN TO APPLY



Call 207-730-4100 for more information

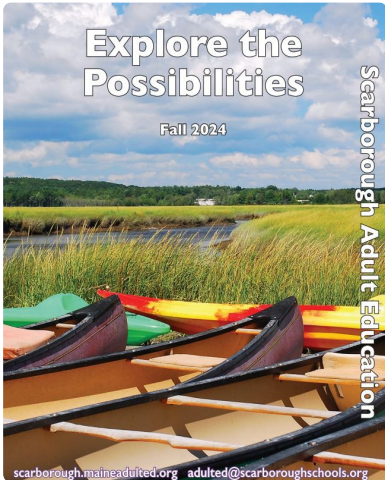
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

scarboroughschools.org

Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>

Adult Education Fall Catalog



2024 Fall Catalog

[Click here for the link](#)

Healthcare Training

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses are scheduled on an ongoing basis, and are convenient for students with busy day schedules. Please call 730-5040 for more information, or register online by following the catalog link above.

Multilingual Language Learners

We offer beginner through intermediate English language classes, including a conversational English class, to Scarborough residents. Please call 730-5040, or register online by following the catalog link above.

High School Diploma/HiSET

Tutoring in targeted subjects and official testing for HiSET, which has replaced the GED in Maine, is offered through the Adult Education office at Scarborough High School. Please call 730-5040, or register online by following the catalog link above.

Professional Development

Students enrolled in Academic or English Language instruction are invited to make an appointment with Adult Education Director, Marianne Doyle, for assistance with career exploration, job searches, and resume writing. Please call 730-5045 to schedule an appointment.

Scarborough Community Services' Winter Catalog is now available

Winter 2024-2025

Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog



What to do in Scarborough?



For upcoming [Scarborough Community](#) events, be sure to check out Scarborough Community Services website and follow them on Facebook.

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, crohde@scarboroughschools.org

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Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please visit <https://tickets.scarboroughschools.org> to open a ticket and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

