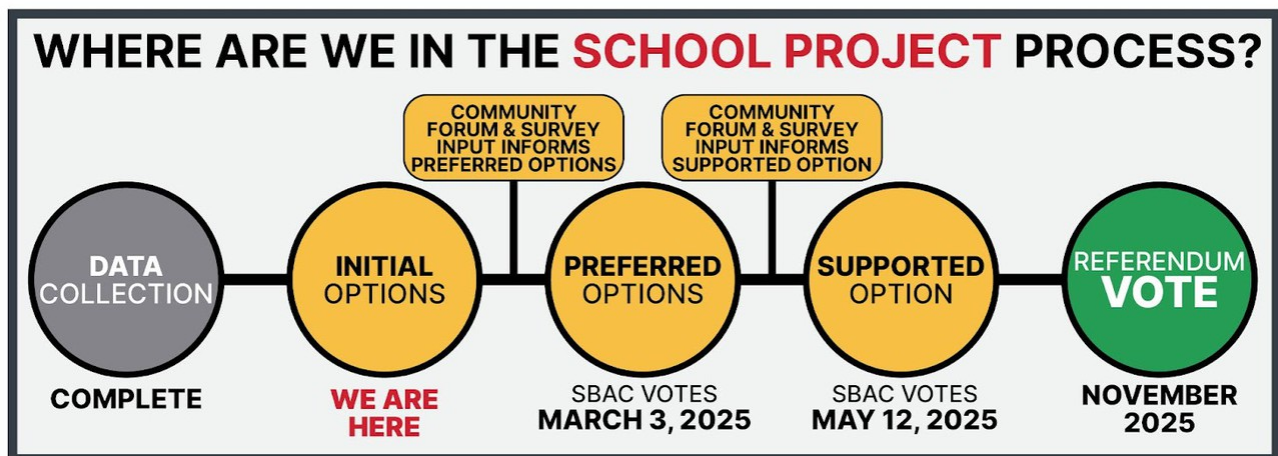




# Scarborough Public Schools

January 17, 2025

## WHERE ARE WE WITH THE SCHOOL PROJECT?



### Attend Community Forum #1

January 21, 6-8PM, Scarborough Middle School Cafeteria

- **Purpose of Community Forum #1:**
  - Overview of the Process (and key milestones for community input)
  - How Education has Changed Since Our Schools Were Built
  - What are we Solving For (the key benchmarking elements we will measure each option against)
  - Overview of the Initial Options being evaluated by the SBAC
  - Public Feedback Opportunity on the Initial Options (community feedback directly informs which options move forward to the next step in the process – don't miss your chance to shape the future of Scarborough's schools!)

- In March, the SBAC will vote to reduce the list options down to the “preferred options.”
  - **When will we know costs for options being considered?**
    - The SBAC heard loud and clear in last year’s community survey: project cost is a major driver for what people will support. Those survey results indicated a supported tax impact that directly influenced the budget set by the SBAC. **The SBAC remains committed to selecting a project that stays within that \$70M-\$130M budget range.**
    - Cost estimates for the initial options are underway now and will be reviewed by the SBAC in the coming weeks.
      - The SBAC will then determine what, if any, adjustments need to be made to the options to ensure they fall within the set budget (or if the cost simply precludes any of the options from moving forward).
  - **How can you stay involved? Important next steps after the forum:**
    - Community Survey #1 (coming in late January/early February):
      - Following the forum, postcards will be mailed to all residents to invite them to take an online survey to gather early feedback to the initial options.
      - Feedback from this survey will be among many factors that will be taken into account as the SBAC makes decisions about what proposals to move forward to the next stage of the process.
      - Links to the survey will also be made available in the Scarborough Leader, Town Newsletter, and School Department Newsletter.
      - Paper copies will be made available at the Library and Town Hall for those who prefer that format.
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# DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SCARBOROUGH'S SCHOOLS



## COMMUNITY FORUM #1:

**WHEN: JANUARY 21, 2025  
6-8 PM**

**WHERE: SCARBOROUGH MIDDLE  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA (& ZOOM)**

**WHY: SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK  
ABOUT THE OPTIONS TO INFORM  
WHICH ONES MOVE FORWARD**

- WHAT:**
- OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS
  - HOW EDUCATION HAS CHANGED SINCE OUR SCHOOLS WERE BUILT
  - WHAT ARE WE SOLVING FOR (KEY BENCHMARKING ELEMENTS)
  - OVERVIEW OF THE INITIAL OPTIONS
  - PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE OPTIONS

[Check Out the New Building Project Webpage!](#)



## Scarborough School Building Project

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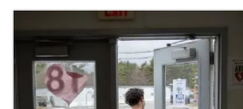
[Presentations & Documents](#)

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) was formed in February 2024, following the defeat of the Unified School Proposal at the polls in November 2023. This citizen-led group has brought their expertise and interests to the process, alongside elected officials. During the Spring of 2024, members studied school needs and analyzed previous work. In June 2024, the SBAC presented four exploratory concepts they developed to the Town Council and School Board. The work continues with the support of a professional architectural and engineering firm, as well as a robust community feedback process, to assist the group in narrowing down to one proposal by May 2025.

"Scarborough school building committee seeking feedback in new year." - Scarborough Leader

Jan 9 2025

The Scarborough School Building Advisory Committee will rely on community feedback in early 2025 to help them narrow four potential solutions to the district's overcrowded schools to two. Harriman Architects has been collecting data,




The SBAC Communications Committee has been busy working on a number of projects, including a re-design of the Building Project Page. We hope that you will find [this page](#) easy to navigate and obtain information about the work of the School Building Advisory Committee.

## Important Message from Scarborough's Health Services

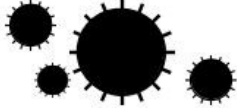
Influenza-like illnesses (Influenza, RSV, Covid, the "common cold"... ) and Norovirus are currently surging in our community. One of our K-2 schools has been in "outbreak" status this week with a total absenteeism above 15%. Many staff and students have reported Norovirus symptoms: **vomiting, diarrhea, intense stomach pains, headaches, fever, and body aches**. Norovirus is extremely contagious. Most people get better within 1 to 3 days but can still be contagious a few days after symptoms stop. For this reason, the CDC has recommended that students with norovirus symptoms stay home for 2 additional days AFTER symptoms have stopped.

We appreciate your diligence when deciding to send your child to school.




### Norovirus Infections

Fact Sheet




Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause diarrhea and vomiting in people.




Anyone can get sick with norovirus. There are many types of norovirus, which means that you can get sick more than once.

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### Common Signs and Symptoms




Diarrhea




Nausea, Vomiting, and Stomach Cramping




Low Grade Fever and Chills



Headache





Muscle Aches



Feeling Tired

Norovirus often begins suddenly, with signs and symptoms lasting 1 or 2 days. Children have more vomiting than adults.

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Talk to your doctor if you think you have norovirus. There is no vaccine or medicine to prevent or treat norovirus. The virus cannot be treated with antibiotics, because antibiotics work to fight bacteria and not viruses.

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## Preventing Norovirus



Wash your hands with soap and water



Clean and disinfect surfaces



Do not prepare food for others if you have norovirus and for 2-3 days after symptoms end



Wash fruits and vegetables



Wash contaminated laundry



Cook shellfish thoroughly

Norovirus is very contagious and is found in the stool or vomit of sick people. The virus spreads when eating food, drinking liquids, or touching surfaces that are contaminated. You can also get norovirus if you were in close contact with another person who is sick. Make sure to wash your hands after toileting, changing diapers, touching animals, and before and after preparing food. Sick persons can spread norovirus for up to two weeks after symptoms end. People with norovirus should stay home when they have symptoms.

## Common Settings for Norovirus



Restaurants



Nursing Homes



Schools and Daycares



Cruise Ships

Norovirus outbreaks are common in these settings and can spread quickly.

## For More Information, Visit:



1. [www.maine.gov/dhhs/norovirus](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/norovirus)
2. [www.cdc.gov/norovirus](http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus)
3. [www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/selected-epa-registered-disinfectants](http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/selected-epa-registered-disinfectants)

You can also call Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821.

Updated March 2022

Icons from [www.flaticon.com](http://www.flaticon.com)

## Inclement Weather - School Closures

Although we have had very little snow to date, in Maine we expect snow storms and other types of inclement weather events during winter. In cases of inclement weather, the Scarborough Public Schools will use up to two "traditional" snow days. All of our schools will be closed on these days and students will not be expected to go to school in person or learn remotely. No school meals will be provided on snow days. These two school days will be made up in June if they are used.



If there are more than two days of inclement weather, we will have remote learning days in lieu of a traditional snow day. On remote learning days, students will stay home and will be expected to complete academic assignments. Meals will be provided in advance for remote learning days.

Each building will communicate directly with specific information about their school's plan to all parents. Please click [here](#) to navigate to our newly designed "Weather Closures" page for more information about [inclement weather closings and remote learning](#).

## GoGuardian / Beacon Parent Notification Delayed



Scarborough Public Schools has been using GoGuardian Beacon services as part of our school's broader suicide prevention program. GoGuardian Beacon is monitoring software used on school issued devices. One of its features includes parent/guardian notifications, which provide instant alerts if a student's online activity after school hours raises concerns while using these devices.

Although we had hoped to enable the parent notification feature this week, we are currently addressing some issues with its implementation. We will notify you as soon as the feature is fully operational.

In the interim, the system will continue to work as it has this year and past school years. If an alert is generated by the GOGuardian Beacon software it will be sent to administrators to follow up on and communication with parents will occur as needed.

## School Board Upcoming January Meetings



### JANUARY 2025 MEETING DATES

<b>02</b> JANUARY	<b>POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING</b> 5:00 - 6:00PM CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
<b>06</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> 6:00 - 8:30PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
<b>09</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING   DEVICE POLICY</b> 6:00 - 8:00PM WENTWORTH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
<b>10</b> JANUARY	<b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING</b> 8:00 - 9:00AM ZOOM WEBINAR
<b>13</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> 6:00 - 9:00PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
<b>16</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP &amp; BUSINESS MEETING</b> 6:00 - 9:00PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
<b>21</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM</b> 6:00 - 9:00PM   MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
<b>27</b> JANUARY	<b>SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> 6:00 - 8:30PM TOWN HALL (HYBRID)
<b>27</b> JANUARY	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> 6:00 - 7:00PM CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
<b>30</b> JANUARY	<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING</b> 12:00 - 1:00PM LOCATION TBD

[www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

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## Community Events & 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.

- SCS New Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Youth Football - "Try Tackle" Spring 2025
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation

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## Important Dates

### [2024- 2025 School Calendar](#)

- January 20, 2025 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- January 21, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Public Forum



\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## 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](#).

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## 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!

A hiring advertisement graphic with a red and black background. At the top, it says "Scarborough Public Schools" in white. Below that, "WE ARE HIRING" is written in large white letters, followed by "JOIN OUR TEAM" in smaller white letters. To the right of this text is a decorative pattern of white dots. On the left, under the heading "CURRENT OPENINGS:", there is a list of job roles. To the right of the list is a 3D illustration of a white stick figure holding a sign that says "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!". At the bottom left, there is a "SCAN TO APPLY" button with a QR code next to it, and a call to action: "Call 207-730-4100 for more information". At the bottom right, there is a red button with the website "scarboroughschools.org" and a row of white dots above it.

**Scarborough Public Schools**

**WE ARE HIRING**  
JOIN OUR TEAM

**CURRENT OPENINGS:**

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

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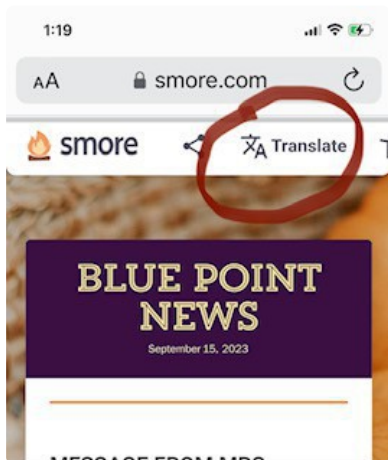
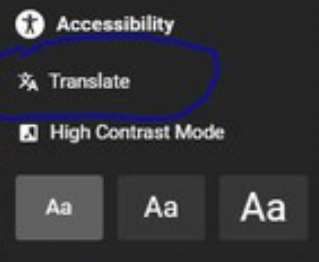
Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

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



# Scarborough Public Schools

September 15, 2023

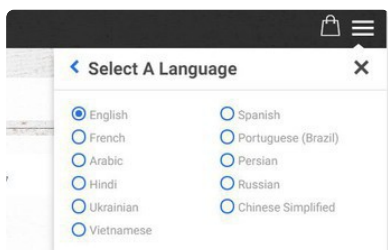


If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation tools in Smore is an essential step in making sure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

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## 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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## Scarborough Community Services' Winter Catalog is now available

### Winter 2024-2025

Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog



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## What to do in Scarborough?



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

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## Links to Our Schools



**Blue Point**



**Eight Corners**



**Pleasant Hill**



**Wentworth School**



**Middle School**



**High School**

## Services & Information

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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.



## Scarborough Schools

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**Location:** [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)

**Phone:** (207) 730-4100

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**Cheryl Callahan**

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters