



Scarborough Public Schools

February 14, 2025

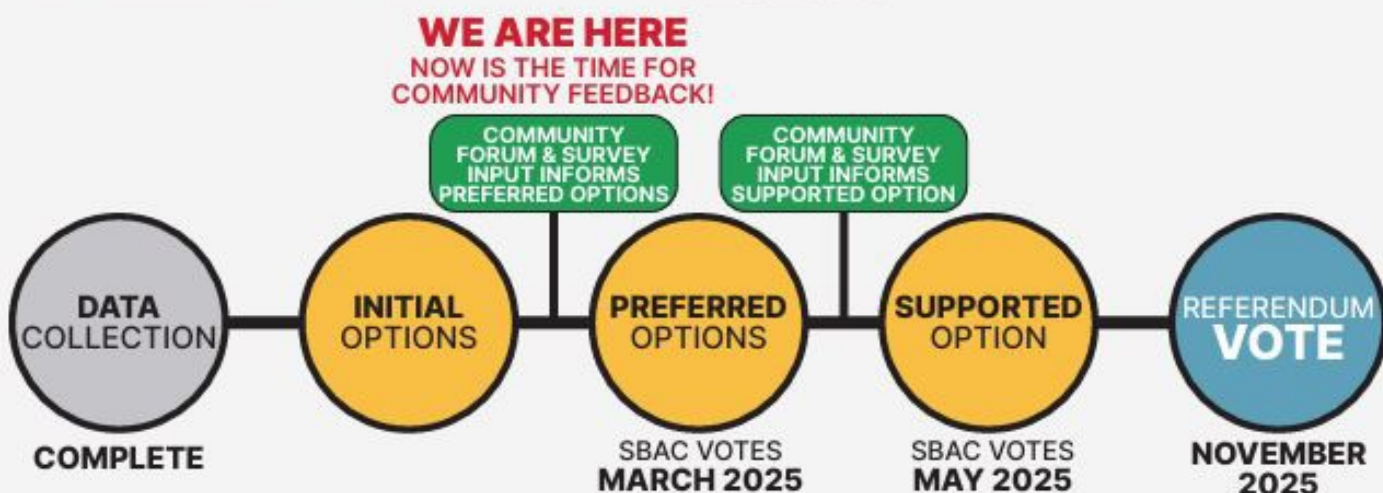
Happy February Break!



Even though February is a short month, it is nice to have a break during the third week and recharge. AND March is just around the corner! Enjoy your vacation, and we will see you back on February 24th!

School Building Advisory Committee Survey

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?



TAKE THE SURVEY! IT'S LIVE AND AVAILABLE NOW!

WE ARE LISTENING. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.



Shape the future of Scarborough's schools! The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) invites ALL Scarborough residents age 18+ to take the School Survey on the Initial Options.

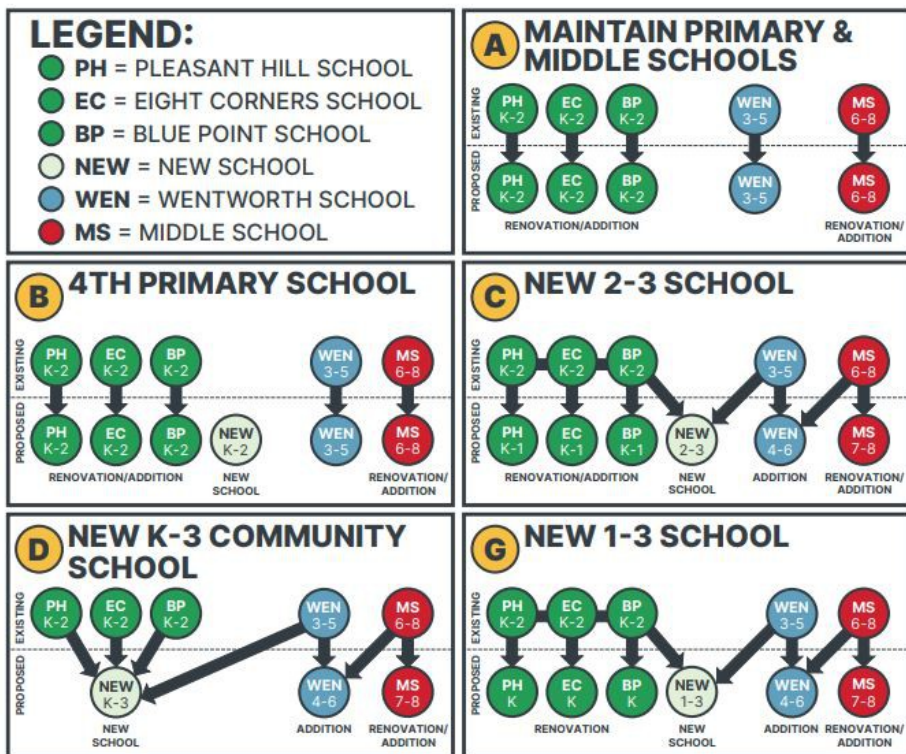
The SBAC is committed to a project budget of \$70M - \$130M based on community input from last year's survey.

Five options are currently on the table, with varying initial cost projections. Community feedback will be used to help determine school priorities and identify what tradeoffs are needed to ultimately bring costs in line with the budget. The survey is available by using the QR code or link below. Paper copies will also be available at Town Hall and the Public Library.

The QR code works with your phone or www.scarboroughschools.org/school-survey.

Thank you in advance for providing your input.

INITIAL OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY
BY MARCH 3RD!







SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SCARBOROUGH'S SCHOOLS!

WE ARE LISTENING. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.
The survey is open to all Scarborough residents age 18+

TAKE THE SURVEY!

Your feedback directly informs which of the Initial Options the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC2) selects to move forward.

 **Complete your survey by March 3, 2025.**
Paper copies are also available at Town Hall & the Public Library (Paper copies must be returned by February 28th).
www.ScarboroughSchools.org/school-survey

 The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC2) remains committed to a project budget of \$70M-\$130M based on community input from last year's survey.

The initial cost estimates are **not final**. They are just a starting point. Bringing costs in line will require important trade-offs. We need your feedback to help determine Scarborough's school priorities.



Future Storm Days will be Asynchronous Learning Days

We have now used both traditional snow days that were in the approved calendar. **Any additional storm days will be asynchronous remote learning days.** For details about learning plans for this day, please visit our [Weather Closures webpage](#), where all details are listed for our schools.



Meals will be provided upon request. [Please fill out this form](#) to have your child's name added to the list and our food service staff will send home non-perishable meals for your child. If you have multiple children, please fill out the form for each child individually. After each remote learning snow day, we will send home additional non-perishable meals for possible future remote learning days. You do not need to resubmit on the form again for each remote learning snow day. Once you are on the list you are on it for the winter. We hope that families find this helpful.

Volunteers Needed to Assist with Junior Achievement Programming



Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years and, with your support, it will certainly continue well into the future.

Eight Corners School has openings for:

2 volunteers for 2nd grade to teach the "My Community" unit. As part of this experience, students will learn the skills and knowledge necessary to be a worker in the community: the experience of working as a team in a "pizza shop", buying and selling of goods and services in exchange for money, getting paid and paying taxes, exercising their civic duty to make decisions for the good of the community, and using digital tools.

Actual dates within the month of March/April are decided between the teacher and volunteers. There are 5 sessions in total, so a volunteer would need to be able to commit to providing 5 lessons over the course of a few weeks (45 min each session). All materials and training will be provided by Junior Achievement. To learn more about volunteering, you can visit Junior Achievement's [website](#).

If you think you can assist in supporting this opportunity for our students, please email the Program Coordinator Jesseca Steele at JSteele@jamaine.org

Updates from the Scarborough Board of Education

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED!

HIGHLIGHTS

February 6th Meeting Highlights

- ★ **School Building Advisory Committee**
📅 Last Meetings: 2/3 & 2/10
 Evaluating options—2 out of 3 proposed options eliminated
- ▶ **Communications**
📅 Last Met: 2/6
 Planning the Community Dinner
 Spotlight Awards: 2/27, featuring 2 presentations
- 📄 **Policy**
📅 Last Met: 2/4
 - Revised JFCK - Student Use of Privately Owned Devices at School for second reading on 2/27
 - Reviewed 2025-2026 School Calendar for first reading on 2/27
 - Next: KF - Use of School Facilities
- 💰 **Finance**
 Steadily working toward workshops
- 👉 **Negotiations**
 Aiming to complete the professional staff contract by the end of the school year
- ▶ **Long Range Planning**
 Ongoing projects:
 - SHS & SMS improvements
 - LED light installations
 - Exterior work at Blue Point

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 📅 **February 24th, March 3rd, & March 10th**
🕒 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM - School Building Advisory Committee @ Town Hall, Council Chambers (Zoom link on school calendar)
- 📅 **February 27th**
🕒 5:30 PM - Board of Education Workshop: The District's Pre-K Program
🕒 7:00 PM - Regular Business Meeting @ Town Hall, Council Chambers (Zoom link on school calendar)
- 📅 **March 3rd**
🕒 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting @ Town Hall
- 📅 **March 6th**
🕒 8:00 AM - Communications Subcommittee (Zoom)
🕒 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Policy Committee @ Town Hall
- 📅 **March 18th**
🕒 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM - School Board Budget Workshop (Location TBD)
- 📅 **March 19th**
🕒 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM - School Board Budget Workshop (Location TBD)
🕒 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Joint Town Council & School Board Workshop - School Building Advisory Committee Update
- 📅 **March 20th**
🕒 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Curriculum Committee Meeting

[School Board Meeting Link](#)



Policy JFCK, Student Use of Privately Owned Electronic Devices, went to second reading at Tuesday, Feb 4's Board Policy Committee. The committee took the feedback from the board given at first reading on January. [Here is the updated draft](#) that the School Board will consider at its next meeting on Feb. 27.

School Apparel and Accessories

Scarborough High School's online New Year's school store sale. The store is open **now** and will close on **February 23**. Customers can choose to have products shipped to them directly or to the school for pick-up. The link is below.

<https://collinssports.chipply.com/shsapparel2025/?action=viewall>



Save the Date | Kindergarten Information Night on April 30th

Join our K2 principals on April 30th to hear about our Kindergarten Program at Scarborough Public Schools.

When: April 30, 2025 at 5:30 - 6:30PM

Where: Webinar Event. [Register Now](#)

SAVE THE DATE KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT



Please join our K2 principals to hear about our Kindergarten program at Scarborough Public Schools.

APRIL 30, 2025

5:30-6:30 PM

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!



We are eager to begin planning to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in 2025- 2026!

- Kindergarten is open to any student who **turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2025.**
- If your child meets this criteria, and you are sending them to school in the fall, please complete the form linked here: [New Student Enrollment Form](#)
- If your child meets the age requirement, but you are undecided about sending them due to their age or developmental level, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM anyway. This will help us plan for all potential students.
- Appointments will be scheduled later this spring in each of our schools to review paperwork, including notarization of residency.
- If your child has specific health concerns, you can call or set up an appointment with one of our school nurses at any time.
- More information will be provided throughout the spring!

If you would like help completing these forms, we are happy to meet with you and provide an interpreter. Please call any of the school offices listed below.

Blue Point- 207-730-5300

Eight Corners- 207-730-5200

Pleasant Hill- 207-730-5250

[Click here to access the registration page.](#)

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.

- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Youth Lacrosse
- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Little League
- 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](#)

- February 17, 2025 - President's Day
- February 17-21, 2025 - Winter Break

- February 27, 2025 - School Board Workshop and Business Meetings



**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!

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



We're
HIRING



CUSTODIANS

FULL & PART TIME POSITIONS

- Pay Range: \$21.50-\$25.50
- Hours: 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time (benefits prorated for part time)

BUS DRIVERS

CDL TRAINING PROVIDED

- Pay Range: \$24.00-\$29.28
- 35/hrs per week, school year only
- Benefits available:
 - Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurance
 - Retirement Plan
 - Paid Holidays
 - Earned Sick time



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>

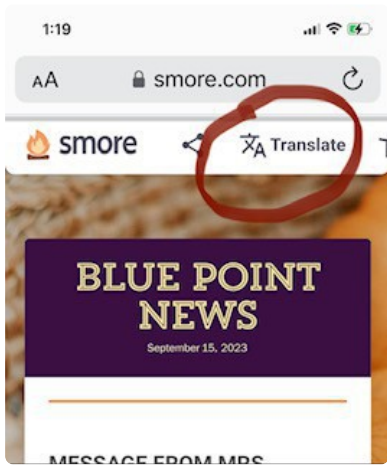
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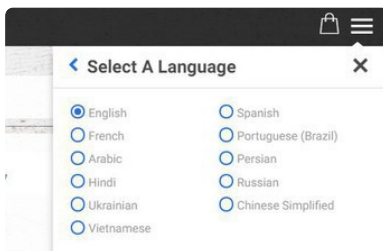
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If you look at the embedded photo above which shows you what our newsletters look like when you open them on a computer, you will see that **every newsletter we send has the ability to translate to 90 languages!!!** Harnessing the power of translation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

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?

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

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Katie Vetro, kvetro@scarboroughschools.org

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.org

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



Website: www.scarboroughschools.org

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

Phone: (207) 730-4100

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

Twitter: [@scarbmeschools](#)



Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters