



Scarborough Public Schools

March 14, 2025

Next Steps from the School Building Advisory Committee

The School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) thanks everyone who participated in the school building survey! We appreciate you taking your time to make your voice heard.

Survey results are being reviewed by the committee now, and a summary of the results will be available in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The SBAC will be voting to reduce to **two preferred building options** at their committee meeting on March 24th. This meeting is open to the public for those who wish to attend or watch via Zoom.

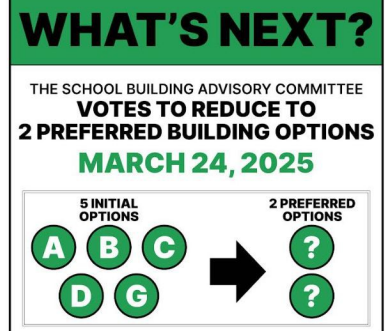
When: March 24th at 6PM

Where: Town Hall Council Chambers (and Zoom)

WHAT INFORMS THE PREFERRED OPTIONS?

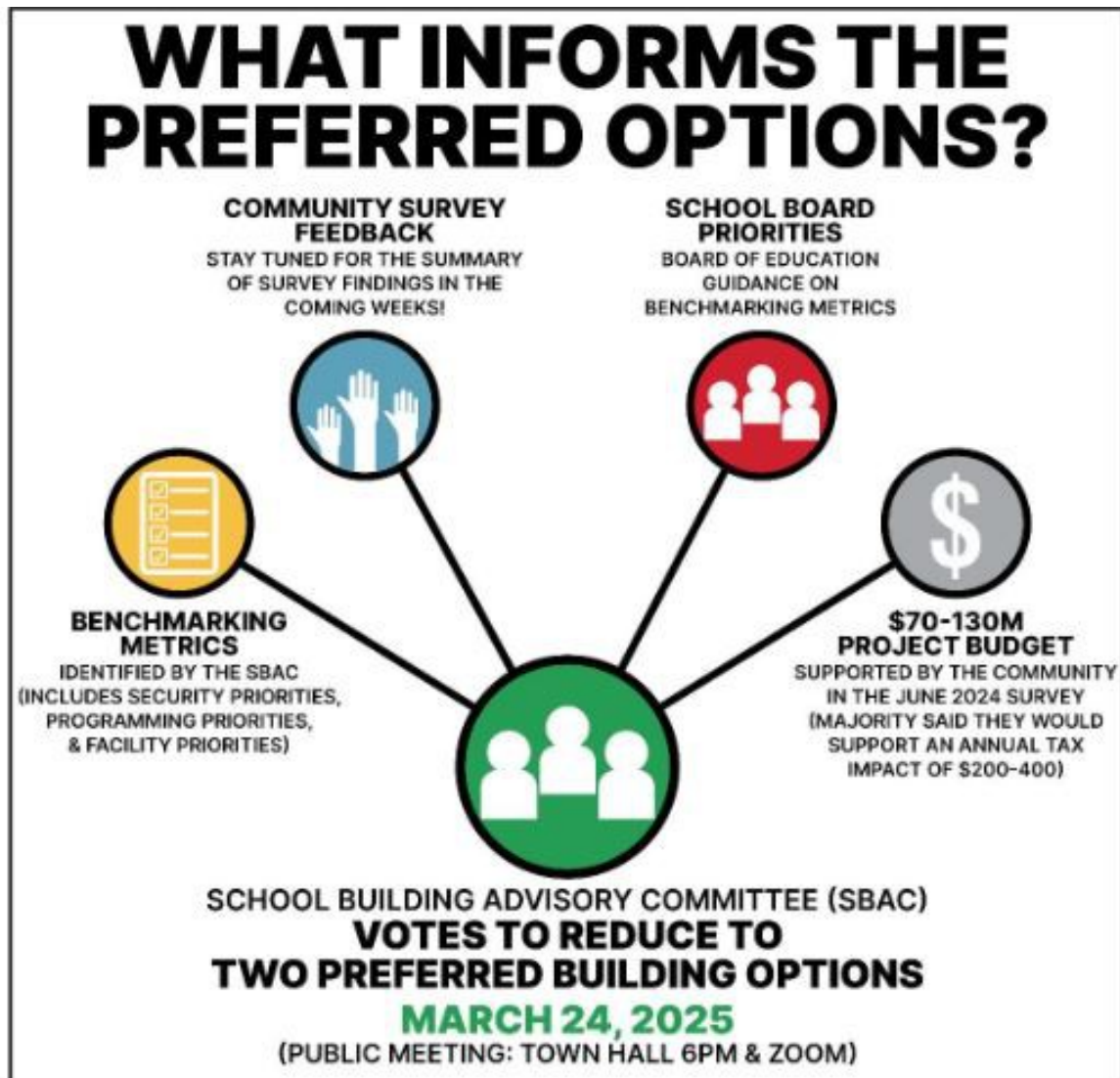
- **Benchmarking Metrics:** Identified by the SABC. These include security priorities, programming priorities, and facility priorities. See the benchmarking matrices for the 5 initial options [HERE](#).
- **Community Survey Feedback**
- **School Board Priorities:** Board of Education guidance on the benchmarking metrics.
- **\$70-130M Project Budget:** Supported by the community in the June 2024 survey. The majority of respondents said they would support an annual tax impact of \$200-400.

THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO
TOOK THE SCHOOL SURVEY!



OTHER UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Joint Town Council/School Board Workshop: April 2nd, 7PM
- Community Forum on the 2 Preferred Options: April 8th, 6PM



Amazing Professional Development Day Today!

Many of you might be curious about what goes on during teacher workshop days. Well, today was nothing short of incredible! The theme for the day was "Making Content Accessible." It all began with an inspiring presentation from two of our own Blue Point staff members, Christy LoCicero-Mackey and Tracey Frederick. Using American Sign Language, they engaged in a conversation to highlight the important work they do every day to make learning more accessible for the students in their self-contained classroom. Their presentation was truly moving and left everyone with goosebumps!



Afterwards, staff had the opportunity to choose from a variety of sessions, many of which were led by 30 of our talented Scarborough Schools' staff members who shared their expertise with their colleagues. While a few sessions were facilitated by outside consultants, most were led by our own team. Topics covered a wide range of subjects, including topics such as support for district-

specific applications, executive functioning, differentiation, brain-based learning, high-impact instructional strategies, AI in classrooms, neurodiversity, and support for multilingual learners.

Looking at the day as a whole, the sessions offered valuable takeaways that will help further support all learners. These workshop days are essential for giving our staff the time and resources they need to grow professionally and continue making a difference in our students' lives.

2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!



At last evening's board meeting, the board approved the 2025-2026 calendar. It is very similar to this year's calendar, and will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted three 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.

The 2025-2026 school calendar can be found [here](#).

Update to Cellphone Policy- JFCK

At the Feb 27th School Board meeting, after months of review by the Policy Committee, the Board voted to amend the Cellphone Policy, JFCK, Use of Privately Owned Electronic Devices at School. Update to the policy is linked [here](#). This policy will go into effect on April 28, when we return from April break. This will allow the HS administration time to develop their protocols and response continuum to align with the updated expectations. More information will be published for students and families in advance of this shift.

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!

**kindergarten
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**

We are eager to begin planning to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in 2025- 2026! As of this week, we now have 143 students, pre-registered, with 5 months to go.

- 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 NOW: [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.

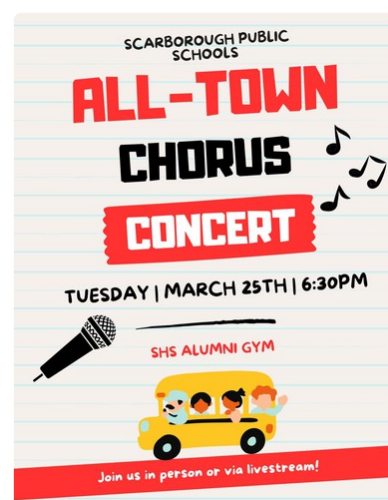
Blue Point- 207-730-5300
Eight Corners- 207-730-5200
Pleasant Hill- 207-730-5250

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

3rd Annual All-Town Chorus Concert

We are excited to announce the 3rd Annual All-Town Chorus Concert! This concert features student musicians from all six schools in grades 2-12. Due to popular demand, this year's event will be held in SHS's Alumni Gym. As such, families will not need to reserve tickets ahead of time. The concert is free and open to the public. Please join us in person or via livestream on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm for this wonderful community celebration!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzUFTVb9nUs>





**THE GYM
DANDIES**

**44th ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
PERFORMANCE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH
6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH
2:30 PM & 6:30 PM

WENTWORTH GYM
20 QUENTIN DRIVE

Adults \$10
Students & Seniors \$5

 THE GYM DANDIES CIRCUS
TESTING GRAVITY SINCE 1971

Doors open 30 minutes
before show time

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Updates from the Scarborough Board of Education

[School Board Meeting Link](#)



MARCH 2025 MEETING DATES

03
MARCH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
5:00 - 6:00PM
CENTRAL OFFICE (HYBRID)
SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00 - 8:30PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

06
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATIONS MEETING
68:00AM
ZOOM WEBINAR
POLICY COMMITTEE
5:00-6:30 PM
CENTRAL OFFICE
SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
7:00 PM- 9:00PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

10
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

17
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

18
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
4:30-7PM PM
WENTWORTH LEARNING COMMONS

19
MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
8:30 - 11AM
TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL/ BOE WORKSHOP - SBAC2 UPDATE
6:00 - 7PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

20
MARCH

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
8-9AM
VIRTUAL

24
MARCH

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
6:00-8:30 PM
TOWN HALL (HYBRID)

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Future Storm Days for 2024-25 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.

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.

- UNE's Brain, Body, Wellness Fair - April 4, 2025
- Scarborough Public Library - 14th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program April 2025
- Summer Art Camp in June 2025
- April Dates at SPL - Anxious Generation Book Discussion
- Gym Dandies Performance March 14th and 15th
- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Youth Lacrosse
- 2025 Registration is open for Scarborough Little League
- 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](#)

- March 14, 2025 - No School for Students - Staff Day
- March 17, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- March 20, 2025 - School Board Workshop and Business Meetings
- March 24, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 3, 2025 - School Board Business Meeting
- April 7, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 9, 2025 - Early Release Day**
- April 17, 2025 - School Board Workshop and Business Meetings
- April 18 - April 25, 2025 - Spring Break
- April 28, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 30, 2025 Kindergarten Information Day



**Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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

**WE ARE
OPEN ON
FRIDAYS**

School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.

Save the Date | Kindergarten Information Night on April 30th

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

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](#)

Scarborough Public Schools is **HIRING!**



SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES

-  Previous experience playing and/or coaching Football at the HS level or higher
-  First Aid & CPR certified
-  Maine Department of Education valid fingerprinting and CHRC approval



Apply today at: www.scarboroughschools.org

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)

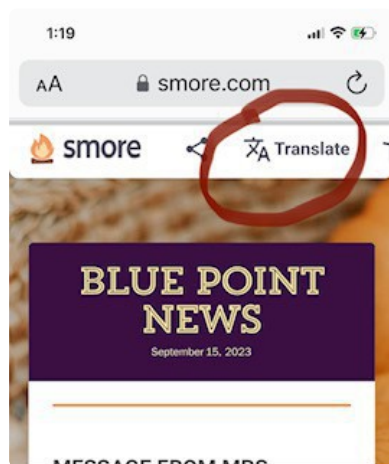
BUS DRIVERS

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



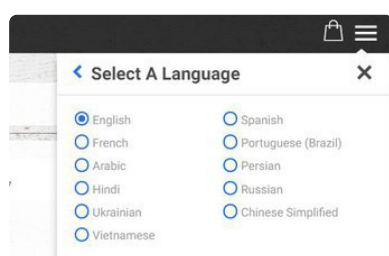
Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:



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' Spring Catalog is now available

Spring 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

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

Phone: (207) 730-4100

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

Twitter: [@scarbmeschools](https://twitter.com/scarbmeschools)



Cheryl Callahan

Cheryl is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters