



# Scarborough Public Schools

March 28, 2025

Amazing District Chorus Concert!



A huge kudos to our District Music Department staff in leading and organizing a well-done concert on Tuesday evening that spanned participation by students from Grade 2 to Seniors! The event has grown to such an extent that it needed to be moved to Alumni Gym this year to accommodate more guest seating. Pictured above is the final song of the evening where all participants came together. We are so fortunate to have such strong fine arts programs here in Scarborough, and this event is just one example of the great skill and ability that our students gain from participation in these programs!!!

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## UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Release Date: March 25, 2025**

**SBAC MOVES FORWARD WITH TWO OPTIONS FOR CONTINUED  
DEVELOPMENT  
AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK**



On Monday, March 24, the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC) voted to move forward two potential school solution options for further development and continued public feedback:

1. **K-2 Neighborhood School Concept:** This option maintains the three-school “neighborhood” structure of Scarborough’s K-2 primary schools. In this option, two of the current primary schools will be renovated and expanded, and one will be replaced with a newly constructed Neighborhood school, location TBD. This plan represents a hybrid of the original options A and B. (Details below)
2. **K-2 Consolidated School Concept:** This option is designed to be significantly smaller and less costly than the failed K-3 Consolidated School proposed in 2023 — a direct response to community feedback expressed at the last referendum and in two subsequent school surveys. Different building sites are being explored — i.e. not Scarborough Downs.

Both options incorporate the same plans for the Middle School and Wentworth:

- An addition will be built onto the Middle School to eliminate portables, right-size the cafeteria (which is currently below capacity), and add necessary core spaces, including much-needed music and art spaces.
- Wentworth will receive a limited 3-classroom addition to accommodate future population increase.

Potential building sites for both options are actively being explored. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

The current rough order of magnitude cost estimates for each option are just over \$130M. The committee is actively working with consultants to refine these costs and explore further scope reductions to bring the costs down. These potential scope reductions will entail trade-offs, including possible deferment of some work or other considerations.

## **Rationale for the NEW K-2 Neighborhood Option**

The K-2 Neighborhood concept that is moving forward represents a hybrid of the original options A (Maintain the 3 Primaries) and B (Add a 4th Neighborhood School). It replaces those options. This plan is viewed as a compromise that:

- Preserves the overall Neighborhood School structure that has been preferred by residents;
- Provides a better opportunity for improved student outcomes through updated facilities to address current educational programming needs; and
- Offers some potential for future expansion/flexibility for the primary level at the new site.

### **How will the decision be made about which K-2 school is re-built?**

Each of the existing primary schools has challenges related to renovation and expansion, including structural costs and site size constraints. It is important for each school to reside on a footprint that supports adequate outdoor space and parking. Another key element is the geographic location of the new school. The decision about which schools to renovate and which one to rebuild will take into account all these factors.

Over the next few weeks, both Harriman and the SBAC site selection subcommittee are exploring these questions. Discussion and recommendations will take place at the next SBAC meeting on April 7th.

### **What will happen to the school building that is slated for replacement?**

It is too early to know. Per the charter, the Town Council will be in a position to make a decision about the future of the existing K-2 school site that is vacated as part of the project, including any potential re-purposing.

## **Rationale for the K-2 Consolidated School Option**

This K-2 Consolidated School project was one of several ideas that community members proposed in the recent survey. It is being explored by the SBAC in direct response to community feedback and in recognition of the need to balance educational excellence with fiscal responsibility. After the failed K-3 Consolidated School proposal for a \$160 million project that would have served upwards of 1,175 students in 2023, the community was clear in expressing concerns regarding the project's scale, overall cost, and location.

This new concept aims to address those concerns by offering a significantly smaller, more affordable solution that meets the educational needs of our youngest learners with a school-within-a-school model (much like Wentworth), while ensuring financial sustainability for the town by lowering yearly operational costs.

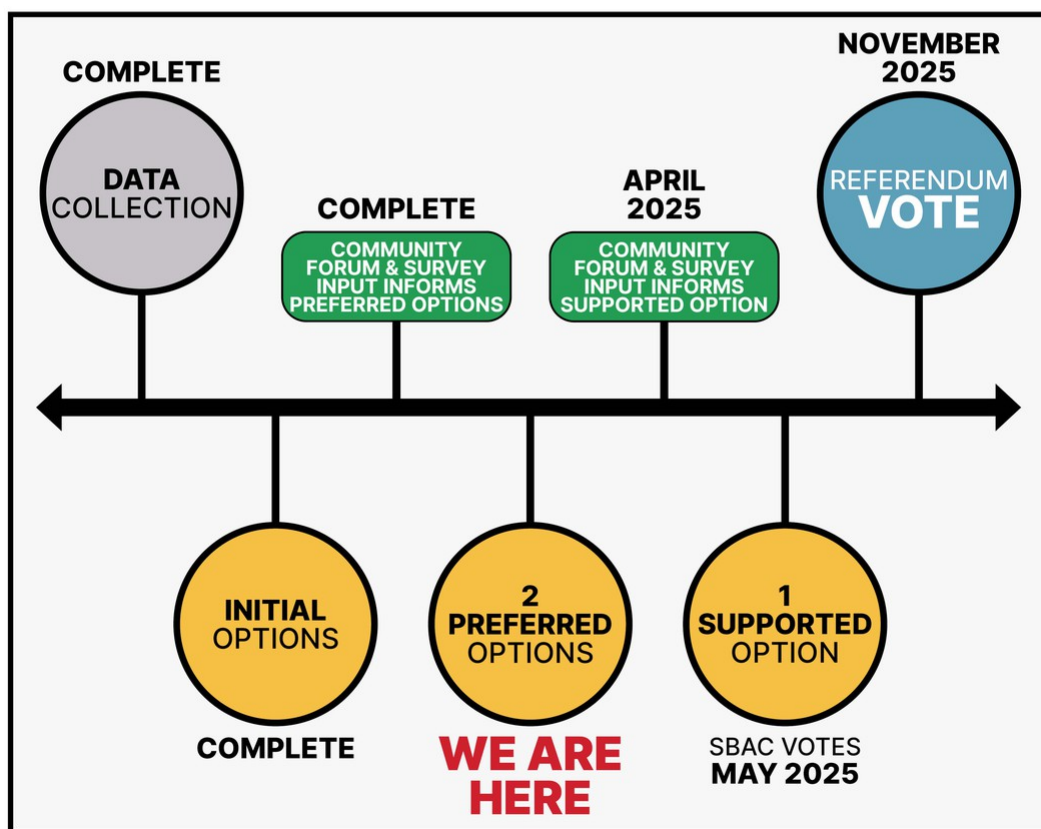
## **Rationale for Elimination of Other Options**

- Option A was removed as it restricted future potential expansion, did not address undersized classrooms, and had limited outdoor play space and parking.
- Option B would have added a 4th building at the K-2 level, increased operational costs, and had limited outdoor play space and parking at the existing schools.
- Options C (New 2-3 School), G (New 1-3 School) and D (K-3 Consolidated) were eliminated due to costs that were well beyond \$130M, and significant lack of public support, as demonstrated in the recent survey feedback

## Next Steps

Joint Town Council/School Board workshop	Apr 2
SBAC meeting: Renovation/replacement discussion and recommendation for the Neighborhood School Option; location discussion (in executive session)	Apr 7
Public forum — Public feedback on two options	Apr 30
Community survey — Public feedback on two options	Late April-early May
SBAC Recommendation: Preferred option	mid-May

## WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS



## 2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!

At the March 6th 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](#).

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## 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 **159 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.](#)

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# DID YOU KNOW...?



**OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS **LOSE**  
**25% OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**  
**TIME FOR SPECIALS** (GYM, LIBRARY, MUSIC,  
ART) DUE TO SHARING A GYM/CAFETERIA.**

**SETUP/BREAKDOWN OF TABLES TO SWITCH  
BETWEEN USES IMPACTS SCHEDULE.**

## **THE MORE YOU KNOW...**

**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES TO STAY INFORMED  
ABOUT THE BUILDING PROJECT!**

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## Matilda - The Musical, Jr.

Save the Date!

Scarborough Middle School Theater Team

Performances will be on April 11, 12 and 13  
at the Winslow Homer Center for the Arts  
Scarborough High School Auditorium

Tickets on sale: <https://www.scarboroughredstorm.org/ms-theater-tickets/>

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**MATILDA**  
THE MUSICAL  
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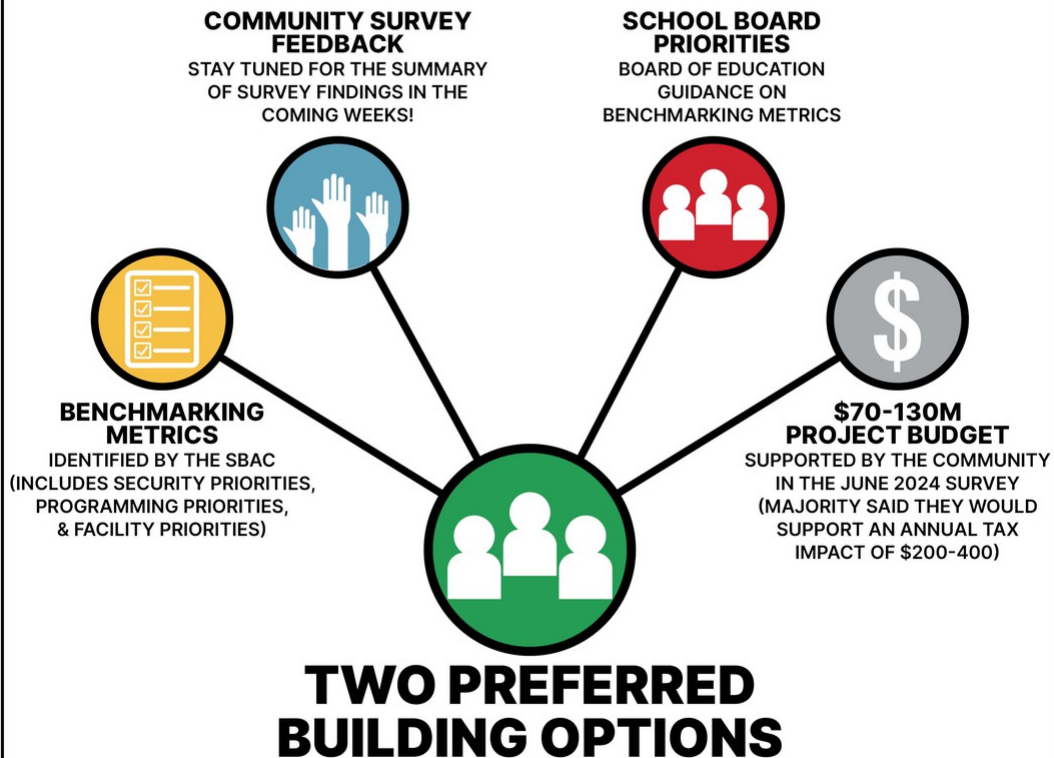


SCARBOROUGH MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
2025

Artwork by: Lucy Diminick('31)

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# WHAT INFORMED THE PREFERRED OPTIONS?



## Race 2 the Point



Join the Scarborough Primary PTA on **Sunday, April 13, 2025** for 14th annual **2025 Race 2 the Point** – a day of fun and fitness featuring a 5K run/walk, a ½ Mile Dash for children ages 12 and under, and a free Kids' Fun Run for our youngest athletes. Visit our sponsors at the Race Expo and bring your kiddos over to check out the activities in the Kids' Fun Zone and play on the Blue Point School playground.

All **Race 2 the Point** proceeds directly benefit Scarborough's primary schools, funding initiatives like new technology, classroom materials, field trips, and resources to support our dedicated teachers and staff. Last year we raised more than \$8000k to support our schools!

**Register today** to guarantee a race shirt for the 5k run/walk and Kids' ½ Mile Dash (no advance registration necessary for the kids' fun run): <https://runinarace.com/Race2thePoint/index.html>

Check out [www.race2thepoint.org](http://www.race2thepoint.org) for more details!



Sunday, April 13, 2025  
9:00 AM | Blue Point School

## 14TH ANNUAL RACE 2 THE POINT

5K RUN/WALK | KIDS' ½ MILE DASH | FREE KIDS' FUN RUN | KIDS' ZONE

Hosted by the Scarborough Primary PTA, **Race 2 the Point** brings together students, families, local businesses, and community members for a day of fun, fitness, and fundraising in support of Scarborough Primary Schools

Sponsored by:






Above Builder Grade | Atlantic Sportswear | College Solutions | Donna Saxby, Tru Brit  
Real Estate Group, Keller Williams Realty | Edward Jones - Scarborough | Finish  
Strong PT | Goldfish Swim School | Logan's Landscaping | Marshview Direct Primary  
Care | Martin's Point Health Care | Mathnasium | Nathan E Goff DMD | NXGen Fitness |  
The Scoville Foley Team at Signature Homes Real Estate Group | Southern Maine  
Orthodontics | Thornton Homes | Town & Country Federal Credit Union



Register today!

[www.race2thepoint.org](http://www.race2thepoint.org) | [race2thepoint@gmail.com](mailto:race2thepoint@gmail.com)

# Scarborough Schools Expectations for Adult Collaboration and Communication

Elements of Engagement	School Community Expectations	Examples of Expectations
<b>Communication</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage students to advocate for themselves</li> <li>Assume positive intent</li> <li>Be polite and respectful in interactions with all members of the school community</li> <li>Communicate directly with appropriate staff first to resolve issues before going to administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help students draft written communication to staff (emails to teacher, note to bus driver, etc.)</li> <li>Brainstorm communication strategies that your child can use at school when they are having difficulties</li> <li>Seek to clarify your student's version of events with staff directly involved to bring about peaceful resolution</li> <li>Voice concerns about school issues to staff, instead of using social media</li> <li>Discuss issues with appropriate staff (teacher, bus driver, coach, etc.) when they happen</li> </ul>
<b>Collaboration</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for the school day</li> <li>Encourage students' academic, social, and emotional growth</li> <li>Support students in following school and classroom rules</li> <li>Reinforce school policies and expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know students' schedules and help them be prepared with necessary materials (ex. bus scan cards, laptops, library books, snacks, weather-appropriate clothes, etc.)</li> <li>Create and maintain a consistent dismissal schedule</li> <li>Support healthy habits (sleep, eating, managing emotions, limited screen time, time management, etc.)</li> <li>Read district, building, and classroom newsletters and communications</li> <li>Check take-home folders and online programs regularly (ex. PowerSchool and SeeSaw)</li> <li>Emphasize appropriate and safe use of technology (laptops, cell phones, smart watches, etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Community Culture</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treat staff as trained educational professionals</li> <li>Respect staff time</li> <li>Prioritize safety and educational time for all students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge the hard work, expertise, experience, and education of staff</li> <li>Recognize that educators make decisions with the safety and benefit of the group as a whole in mind (ex. being mindful of allergies, cultural differences, etc.)</li> <li>Be positive when posting about Scarborough Schools on social media</li> <li>Understand that staff will attempt to respond to communications in a timely manner but that staff will prioritize instructional time</li> <li>Appreciate that safe driving is a bus driver's top priority</li> <li>Limit interruptions during the school day (ex. avoid texting and calling students during school hours)</li> </ul>

## 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.

- Scarborough Primary PTS Race to the Point - April 13, 2025
- SHS Model UN's Antique Show fundraiser - April 5, 2025
- 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
- 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](#) [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- 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

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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.

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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.

**WE ARE  
OPEN ON  
FRIDAYS**

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](#)

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**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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**Scarborough Community Services' Spring Catalog is now available**

**Spring 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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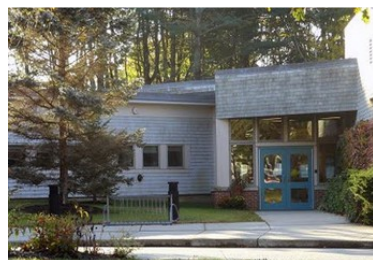
## Links to Our Schools



**Blue Point**



**Eight Corners**



**Pleasant Hill**



**Wentworth School**



**Middle School**



**High School**

### Services & Information

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

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

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

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

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

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, [tjepson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto: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](http://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**

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