



# Scarborough Public Schools

May 22, 2026

## Happy Memorial Day

As Memorial Day approaches, we extend our deepest gratitude to the brave individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service. This long weekend offers a time for reflection, remembrance, and appreciation for the freedoms we cherish. We wish all our staff, families, and students a safe, restful, and meaningful Memorial Day weekend.



## FY 27 Budget Update



Dear Families and Staff,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on our FY27 Budget. On May 20, the Town Council voted to approve the FY27 Municipal Budget. An amendment was introduced to reduce expenditures across both the school and town budgets by a combined total of \$2,533,487. For the schools, our share of this reduction is \$1.2

million, including approximately \$500,000 in savings we were able to achieve because of a lower-than-anticipated increase in health insurance costs for next year. Specific details are posted on the [budget portal](#). The newly approved municipal budget is expected to produce an estimated 3.21% increase in the tax rate.

Throughout the budget process, both school and town officials have acknowledged the challenge of finding balance during a time when economic pressures on taxpayers continue to grow, alongside rising costs for the programs and services our community values. Reaching this final budget required thoughtful compromise, collaboration, and a willingness to consider the diverse

perspectives and circumstances of Scarborough residents. The process was guided by transparency, respect, and a shared commitment to the long-term well-being of the community.

While the final 3.21% mil rate increase exceeds previous Council goals of 0% and 2%, it represents a significant reduction from the original proposed increase of 5.97% presented at the beginning of the budget season. Most importantly, the tax increase required by the final budget remains below the current rate of inflation while still helping us to avoid substantial cuts to student programming and support services. This compromise also maintains a manageable tax increase for the broader Scarborough community and reduces the need for multiple involuntary staff transfers or deep cuts to student support services that would have been necessary had the Council voted for more significant reductions.

We appreciate the active participation and commitment shown by countless community members who provided public input throughout this process. Community engagement plays an essential role in shaping the decisions for our community, and we encourage residents to continue to remain involved by voting in the school budget referendum in 3 possible ways: at Town Hall from now until June 4, by requesting an absentee ballot, or on June 9 at Scarborough High School.

Respectfully,

Diane Nadeau, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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## SPS Staff Spotlight Award Recipient

### **Congratulations, Jorie Kasper, Middle School Building Ed Tech!!**

Christopher Rowley, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, nominated Jorie.

He describes Jorie as an invaluable member of our school community, consistently initiating and supporting the essential behind-the-scenes tasks that ensure our daily operations run smoothly. Her contributions extend to organizing engaging activities for both staff and students, all delivered with a wonderful personality and sense of humor. Jorie's dedication makes a meaningful impact every day, and we are truly fortunate to work alongside her. Ms. Kathy Tirrell, Principal of Middle School, describe Jorie as her right hand person!!

Thank you, Jorie, for your outstanding hard work and commitment to our students and programs

*Pictured left to right Jorie Kasper and Jillian Trapini-Huff, School Board Member  
Photo by Crescencia Maurer, School Board Member*

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# SHS Music Department News

## SHS Treble Choir Brings Home Superior Rating

On Friday, May 1st, our HS Treble Choir took home a superior (highest possible rating) from the Maine ACDA Adjudicated Choral Festival. Congratulations to our singers!



## All-State 2026

In mid-May, 15 singers represented SHS at the annual All-State Music Festival held on the UMaine Orono campus. We could not be more proud of their work!



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## SHS Final Choral Concert of the School YEAR!



On Wednesday, May 27th, the high school choral program will present their final concert of the year. Please join us in the SHS auditorium at 7:30pm for what promises to be a special event!

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/zYiXLsqy7w>

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# PRE-K REGISTRATION

## FALL 2026

 **ANNOUNCING HALF-DAY  
OPENINGS AT BLUE POINT SCHOOL**

 **ELIGIBILITY:**  
Must be a Scarborough  
student who turns 4  
by October 15, 2026.

 **EXPRESS  
INTEREST NOW!**

 **SCAN OR VISIT TO EXPRESS INTEREST:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g\\_p30fphZEFY\\_b1jYDlhJYh8OcRpuLwBRlbXjnS6xgU/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g_p30fphZEFY_b1jYDlhJYh8OcRpuLwBRlbXjnS6xgU/edit)

## Half-Day Openings at Blue Point School Still Available

There are still limited half-day Pre-K openings at Blue Point School for the upcoming school year!

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Scarborough Public Schools Pre-K program, students must meet the following criteria:

- The child must be a resident of Scarborough.
- The child must turn four (4) years old on or before October 15, 2026.

Our Pre-K program is designed to foster early literacy and numeracy skills, social-emotional development, and a love for learning in a supportive and engaging environment. We believe in nurturing each child's unique potential and preparing them for a successful transition to kindergarten.

You can express your interest by:

- Click on the above flyer.
- Visiting the following

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSell18u9qEQBZ7U9cwyLOdbZhMOwjhOgJ6AxMU42X4n-sHOhA/viewform>

Our first round of screening for families who previously applied has been completed, and letters with next steps should be hitting families' email by the start of next week. Additional screening appts are being organized for early June for families who are expressing interest now.

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## Scarborough Police E-Bike PSA

The Scarborough Police Department has issued a Public Service Announcement (PSA) regarding E-Bike regulations to ensure public safety and compliance with local laws. This highlight summarizes key information from the PSA.



### Beyond classification, E-Bikes MUST obey all bicycle laws, including:

- Ride to the Right: E-Bikes must be operated as far as practicable to the right side of the roadway.
- Obey Traffic Control Devices: Riders must stop at all stop signs and follow traffic lights. If walking the bike in the crosswalk, this rule does not apply.
- Helmet Required: Helmets are mandatory for all riders under 16 years old.
- Tampering Prohibited: It is prohibited to tamper with or modify the E-Bike speed to exceed the Class limits.

Please [click on this link](#) for more information

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## Scarborough Public Schools: Kindergarten Registration (2026-2027 School Year)



### Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2026-2027

We are excited to welcome the newest members of our school community! So far, **205 children have been registered** for kindergarten the upcoming school year. Please spread the word to anyone you may know in Scarborough to register now so we can ensure we are ready to receive these students when school begins in late August.

Eligibility: Kindergarten is open to any Scarborough child who will be five (5) years old on or before **October 15, 2026**.

How to Register: All families must complete the [New Student Enrollment Form](#) to begin the process.

For any other questions, please contact your school directly using the phone numbers listed above. We look forward to meeting you.

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## Last Day of School for K-12 Students and Staff

The last day of school is Wednesday, June 17th. This will be a **half day** for students and a full day for staff. **Dismissal time on Wednesday, June 17th for students in grades K through 5 will be 11:45am and students in grades 6 - 12 will be 10:45am.**



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## 2026 -2027 School Calendar



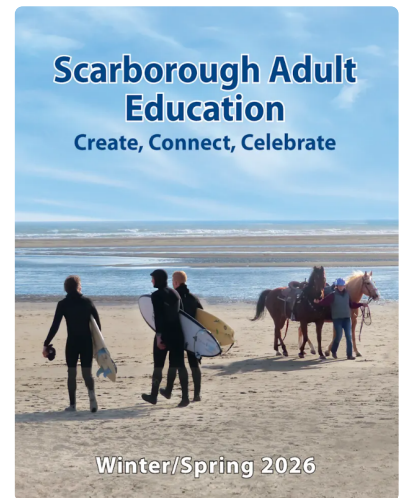
We are pleased to announce that the 2026-2027 school calendar has been officially approved by the School Board at last evening's Board Meeting. We encourage all families to review the calendar to note important dates, including holidays, and school breaks. You can find the link to the full calendar below.

[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

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## Scarborough Adult Education

WINTER & SPRING 2026 Registration is now available! Their general office hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday afternoons. Students may [register 24/7 online](#) or email [adulthood@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:adulthood@scarboroughschools.org) for assistance!



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## Central Office Hours



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

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## High School Calendar of Sporting Events for the month of May

To all Scarborough Public Schools' sports fans, prepare for a school year brimming with energy, achievement, and unparalleled school spirit! Our dedicated student/athletes are poised to deliver exceptional performances, and they eagerly await your enthusiastic cheers! Your support is vital in cultivating a sense of pride, belonging, and collective community. Explore the myriad ways to engage and support Scarborough by visiting our [new events page](#). Rally your peers, wear your Red Storm colors with pride, and become part of the excitement. Scarborough strong—let's make this year unforgettable!



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## Community Events & Information



Please access this link to the [Community Bulletin Board](#) for information about great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough.

- Japan 2028 STEM Trip - Meeting June 2, 2026
- Mr. Reagan's Summer Camps - July 2026
- Primary PTA Night at the SeaDogs - July 17, 2026
- Art Attack: June Clay Camp
- Cub Scout Flyer
- Girl Scouts of Maine Flyer
- 2025-2026 Scarborough Public Library Parent Letter
- Scarborough Education Foundation

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## Important Dates

[2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- May 25, 2026 - No School for K-12 - Memorial Day
- June 3, 2026 - Early Release Day\*\*
- June 4, 2026 - School Board Business Meeting
- June 17, 2026 - Last Day of School
- June 18, 2026 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting



\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

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## Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!

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 Schools

# WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

**OPEN POSITIONS**

- Assistant Superintendent
- HS English Teacher
- MS ELA/SS Teacher
- MS Integrated Science Teacher
- Ed Tech I, II, III & (ESY)
- ESOL Teacher
- Multiple Coaching Positions

**APPLY NOW**

**SEND YOUR RESUME :**  
[www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

The advertisement features a black background with white text and a list of open positions. Below the list is a white button that says 'APPLY NOW'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a desk with a laptop, a coffee cup, and a small potted plant. A white box with black text is overlaid on the bottom of the photo, containing the text 'SEND YOUR RESUME :' and the website address 'www.scarboroughschools.org'.

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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](https://twitter.com/scarbmeschools)



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