



WESTBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Patricia Charles, Superintendent

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Dear Parent(s):

As we are all aware, this winter has been an extraordinary one with record breaking amounts of snowfall. With winter only half over; there is a good chance for more snow to come. There are, unfortunately, few options to remove it, other than to pile it up. These mountains of snow create concerns for children waiting at bus stops and walking to school. Please reinforce the importance of safety by monitoring your child and reinforcing that he/she stays out of the roads and refrains from climbing snow banks while waiting at the bus stop. It is difficult for drivers to see beyond the piles of snow, and even though it is beginning to melt, children need to take precautions to stay safely away from moving vehicles.

Sidewalks are beginning to be visible again with the continued effort of residents and the town to clear them. Children who walk to school should walk facing the traffic and stay to the side of the road or walk on the sidewalks whenever possible. Parents are encouraged to stay with students until the bus arrives or walk with them to school in these unusual conditions.

Our hope is that the snowstorms will soon cease, but in the meantime, again, please reinforce appropriate safety precautions with your child.

Sincerely,

Patricia Charles, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Robert Hart
Resident State Trooper
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