

Linwood Public Schools
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Winter is upon us and we will soon be facing the inconveniences that come with it, and in particular ***ice and snow***.

The Facilities Department will continue to do their utmost to prepare and maintain our facilities in the event of inclement weather. We take this responsibility very seriously and make the safety and well being of our Students, Staff, and Visitors our primary concern.

It is important to remember however that there are certain conditions beyond our control that can impair the effectiveness of our efforts such as:

- ***Snow that arrives after the school is occupied and the parking lots are full.***
- ***Snow that arrives shortly before the start of the school day.***
- ***A drop in temperature turning damp sidewalks and parking lots into sheets of ice.***

Be aware also that areas that have been completely cleared and de-iced can quickly become dangerous as a result of strong winds, wet falling snow etc... Even though we continue to plow, shovel, and ‘salt’ during and after a storm, it is impossible to guarantee that every area will be completely free of risk at all times. By exercising common sense and following the guidelines below we can minimize the risk of weather related injuries:

- ***Be extremely careful when walking off or over curbs.***
- ***Do not walk over piles of snow in parking lots or near sidewalks.***
- ***Use only parking lots or walkways that have been cleared.***
- ***Remember that areas inside our doors and hallways may be slippery.***
- ***Wear appropriate footwear on bad weather days.***

Please know that due to the size of our facilities we may be unaware of an icy or dangerous situation that has developed. Don’t hesitate to contact our department if you see a hazardous condition.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and continued support!