

December 16, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the December 14, Abington Board of Selectmen Meeting, in an effort to reduce the climbing cost associated with snow removal, a decision was made to place sidewalk clearing lower on the list of town priorities during winter storms. Parents/guardians need to be aware that unfavorable sidewalk conditions can occur during and after a snowstorm. Even if sidewalks have been cleaned, citizens clearing their driveways and walkways can cause sidewalks to be blocked. Melting and re-freezing of snow can also create an icing situation. Parents/guardians should always be aware of the conditions of their child's walk to school and act accordingly. When these circumstances occur, parents/guardians may need to make alternate arrangements to get their children to school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians to talk to their children, as we have at school, about the dangers of thin ice on ponds and streams in the coming months and to take the appropriate precautions. Thank you for your attention to these matters as we all work together to keep the children safe.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Schafer
Superintendent of Schools