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The Board would like to express its appreciation to parents, students and staff for the understanding and support during the challenges of the recent record-setting snowfalls, colder temperatures and subsequent accumulation of ice.

With 56 school district sites, which encompass many kilometres of stairs, sidewalks, parking lots, and heavily burdened roofs, it meant long stressful working hours for many staff and extra hired contractors. They followed our snow removal procedures, with priorities that included:

- Clearing snow from school entrances, drop-off zones and parking lots
- Salting/sanding sidewalks, school entrances, drop-off zones and parking lots

Thankfully this type of snow accumulation is not common in Metro Vancouver, and hopefully this will not happen again anytime soon. However, unprecedented situations such as this one always provide learning opportunities and staff will be reviewing procedures in the event of similar winters to follow. This assessment will also be with the City and its snow removal priorities, as schools are an essential priority during and after a snowfall.

We appreciate and value your input. If you have suggestions or comments please send them to [communications@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:communications@sd41.bc.ca). Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

**Ron Burton, Chair**  
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