

# Child Care Services

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## ***Sent on behalf of TDSB Facilities Services***

Dear Child Care and Before- and After-School Program Operators,

With the winter season in full effect, we want to share a quick reminder about the TDSB's winter weather procedures. As we head into the colder months, we remain committed to keeping our school communities safe and ensuring our child care and before- and after-school program operators have as little disruption as possible.

### **How Weather Decisions Are Made**

When Environment Canada forecasts severe weather such as freezing rain, heavy snowfall, unsafe road conditions, low visibility, or extreme cold, TDSB will monitor conditions overnight and into the early morning to determine next step including closure of schools, administrative offices, or sites.

### **How TDSB Notifies Tenants:**

- TDSB Website
- Media

### **Snow Clearing and Ice Control/Salting Procedures**

- Snow removal begins once there is an accumulation of at least 5 cm of snow. Where there is melting snow, freezing rain, or icy conditions that create (or may create) unsafe surfaces, salt or ice melter is applied.
- Walkways and entrances are cleared as soon as possible before the start of the school day to ensure safe access for students and staff.
- During extremely heavy overnight snowfall, this timeline may be delayed, but crews work hard to meet it whenever possible.

**For further information, visit [TDSB's Snow/Cold Weather Page](#) or contact your school Caretaker.**

Thank you for your cooperation as we enter the winter season. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting students and our school community's safety and well-being.



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