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Dear Parents, Students and Neighbors:

Major storms this winter may leave mounds of snow and ice on the streets and sidewalks of the Revere community. While I applaud those who shovel sidewalks in front of their property, some do not. When the sidewalks leading to our schools are not cleared, the children are forced to walk in the streets.

The Department of Public Works has always assisted our schools with the removal of snow and the sanding of the streets, only to find later that their job was undone by residents shoveling snow back onto the streets.

There is a City ordinance #12.04.350: Snow and Ice Removal---sidewalks and foot-ways that addresses the problem. The Ordinance states in part that:

“The tenant, occupant and, in case there is no tenant or occupant, the owner, agent or person having care of any building or lot of land bordering on any highway, street, lane, court, square or public place within the City where there is any foot-way or sidewalk duly established, shall cause all the snow and ice to be removed from such foot-way or sidewalk in front of such premises within twenty-four hours of the time it ceased to fall. The foregoing shall also apply to snow which falls from buildings.

No person shall throw or place or permit to be thrown or placed any snow or ice on any foot-way or sidewalk duly established, or on any sidewalk or street except as directed by the superintendent of public works or his designees. No snow or ice shall be removed from private property and deposited on any foot-way or sidewalk duly established or on any sidewalk, public way or street to which the public has access.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars for the first offense, and not more than three hundred dollars for the third and subsequent offences (C.O. 85-4 S32; prior revision S17-20).”

The school committee, administrators, and teachers feel that it is of the utmost importance that we all insure the safety of our school children by insisting that all residents comply with Ordinance #12.04.350.