

## **MESSAGE TO PARENTS REGARDING SNOW ON ROOFS**

Please be aware that the Western Quebec School Board has taken a proactive stance this winter with regard to snow on roofs. Maintenance staff regularly ensures that drains are snow free and that there is less than .75 meters accumulation on any part of a roof. In light of the recent heavy snow fall these inspections have been increased this week. Since parents are understandably concerned about this issue because of tragic events elsewhere in the province, we are ensuring this weekend that snow is removed from all roofs where there is any significant accumulation.

One school in the board was closed today by the local fire department late this morning. Although it is felt this was an over reaction based on circumstances in a neighbouring school of another board, we do respect the caution. Consequently, a structural engineer will be reviewing the integrity of the building over the week-end, and all snow will be removed from the roof. Parents can rest assured that no students will be permitted into the building without appropriate clearance from authorized personnel.

Mike Dawson, Director General