



## Responses to Written Questions

### **RFP 25-17 Snow Removal**

#### **Question 1:**

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In the past MPS has not had contractors plow during Winter Break – is this still the plan for this contract period?

#### Answer 1:

Section IV: B, 6

Minneapolis Public Schools may opt to self-perform or provide additional support to contractors to ensure that access to all lots is clear and free of snow.

#### **Question 2:**

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Please confirm – the trigger is 2 inches

#### Answer 2:

Confirmed

Section IV: B, 1

When snow exceeds 2 inches or snow accumulation occurs during the night preceding a regular school day or since the last plowing effort. Initial snow removal efforts should be directed to primary areas if the snowfall is late to clear these areas by 5:30 am of the school day. It is understood that the outlined Minneapolis Public School plowing is the Contractor's priority to plow each school day.

#### **Question 3:**

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In the past MPS has not had contractors plow at 2+ inches if warm weather is predicted in the next few days to let the snow melt. Is this the continued plan moving forward?



Answer 3:

Section IV: B, 6

Minneapolis Public Schools may opt to self-perform or provide additional support to contractors to ensure that access to all lots is clear and free of snow.

**Question 4:**

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All schools have signs that unauthorized vehicles will be towed but it's my understanding that MPS does not tow vehicles during snow events so the contractor will have to plow around any cars left in the parking lot. Will unauthorized vehicles be towed moving forward?

Answer 4:

No

**Question 5:**

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There is no guaranteed money on this contract – it is strictly per time/plow service/payments. E.g. the last 2 winters would not plow snow much for MPS due to low snow winters.

Answer 5:

Correct

**Question 6:**

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There is no salting ever provided by snow plowing contractor. All salting is provided by grounds department

Answer 6:

Correct



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**Question 7:**

There is no snow hauling, relocating by contractor. All hauling/relocation is provided by grounds department.

Answer 7:

Section IV: B, 7

Salt, sanding and removal of snow piles will be performed by Minneapolis Public Schools Grounds Department.

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**Question 8:**

Who makes the decision on when to plow or not? And what is the deadline?

Answer 8:

MPS (Plant Operations) will make the decision on when to plow and notify contractor as soon as possible.

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**Question 9:**

Are there churches meeting in schools that would need special services? E.g. being plowed before Sunday morning when other schools don't need to get plowed until Sunday night (before school)

Answer 9:

Section IV: B

2. Whenever, a two (2) inch accumulation occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, school closings, and school holidays, it shall promptly be removed on the Saturday and shall not be allowed to lie until the following Sunday night.
3. The Contractor shall be responsible to clear daytime accumulations so that the sites are effectively available for evening school activities, community evening school, etc. (also weekend and holiday activities).



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**Question 10:**

Page 7 #3 – What is the rubric for selecting a snow contractor?

Answer 10:

Vendors will be evaluated based on Section III: Business Information and Section V: Appendix Requirement.

**Question 11:**

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Page 13 #2 – “Whenever, a two (2) inch accumulation occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, school closings, and school holidays, it shall promptly be removed on the Saturday and shall not be allowed to lie until the following Sunday night.” In the past snow could be plowed Saturday or Sunday unless there were events at schools on Saturday – is this changing?

Answer 11:

Section IV: B

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**Question 12:**

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Page 13 #3 – “The Contractor shall be responsible to clear daytime accumulations so that the sites are effectively available for evening school activities, community evening school, etc. (also weekend and holiday activities).” In the past snow contractors were not allowed on school properties when students could be present – is this changing?



Answer 12:

Plowing lots should not occur if students are present in the lot.

**Question 13:**

Page 14 Section D #3 – “Prior to the first snowfall, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to stake out meandering sidewalks on the sites that are not well defined to properly define locations and to protect the Owner’s property.” In the past snow contractors were not allowed to stake school properties – Is this changing?

Answer 13:

Contractor should stake out areas that are not well defined.