

## All Schools

As an FYI, we are sharing the following DOE guidance for outdoor play in cold weather.

Children benefit from vigorous exercise and should be given the opportunity to play outside whenever possible, maintaining social distancing. Unless it is snowing, or there is ice on the playground, or the wind chill factor produces an effective temperature below zero degrees Fahrenheit (-18 degrees Celsius), temperature alone should not be a barrier to outdoor play.

You are encouraged to work with your staff to maintain outdoor play periods, and you should take precautions to keep students warm and to ensure that they are appropriately dressed on very cold days. When outdoors, please ensure that your students and staff cover exposed skin, wear warm clothing, and use multiple layers to maintain warmth. Staff and students should continue to adhere to physical distancing requirements by remaining at least six feet apart at all times. Students who must avoid the cold weather for medical reasons must submit a note from their healthcare provider to the school nurse.

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