Helen Detwiler Elementary School

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Dear Helen Detwiler Families,

As we continue through the winter season, I want to remind families of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's (HWDSB) inclement weather procedures and share some important cold-weather safety tips.

Across HWDSB, when severe weather leads to the cancellation of student transportation, all schools and administrative buildings are closed. In other words, **if buses are cancelled because roads have been deemed unsafe, schools will also be closed for the day**. These decisions are communicated early in the morning through HWDSB channels, local media, and social media updates.

On days when the board has **not** cancelled transportation or closed schools, our building remains open; however, school administration may make additional safety decisions based on real-time conditions. This can include early indoor entry, indoor recess, adjusting dismissal routines, or restricting access to icy areas on school property. These decisions are guided by our commitment to student safety and well-being.

Cold Weather Clothing Tips
To help students stay warm, safe, and comfortable during the winter months, we encourage families to consider the following:

- **Dress in layers**, including a warm long-sleeve shirt, sweater, and winter coat.
- **Waterproof boots**, **hats**, **mittens**, and **neck warmers or scarves**.
- **Extra socks and mittens** in backpacks for our younger students, can be helpful on days when items get wet.
- Labeling clothing items can also help reduce the number of lost items in the school.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for helping us keep students safe throughout the winter months.

Warm regards,
Kwame Djan
Principal, Helen Detwiler Elementary
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

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