



**MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**Racine Unified School District**

**DATE:** October 19, 2009  
**TO:** City of Racine; Department of Public Works  
Rick Jones, Commissioner  
**FROM:** Ann Yehle  
**SUBJECT:** Winter Closing of Rupert Blvd. Sidewalk

For the past several years there has been one individual who lived on the corner of Chicago and Rupert who was a deterrent in receiving approval from the City to close off the south sidewalk of Rupert Blvd. from Chicago Street west to the cemetery, at the bottom of McKinley hill.

It is my understanding that this resident passed away recently and I would like to revisit this issue again.

This section of sidewalk is nearly impossible to maintain clear of ice especially, and especially during the spring thaw, without the application of significant amounts of sand and ice melt. This is not only costly to the District in materials but can't be doing the sidewalk any good either.

One year back in the late 80's we received approval to block off this section of sidewalk and with the exception of the resident indicated above there was to my understanding no other complaints; nor did this closing create a hardship as there is virtually no pedestrian traffic on this section of sidewalk. Again, this doesn't include McKinley hill which is heavily trafficked, only the south end of the Rupert Blvd. sidewalk west from Chicago to the cemetery.

It is my understanding that even with the individual who had been deterrent; the sidewalk was still closed off last year by request. Please contact me regarding this matter and our ability to move ahead with the closing of this section of sidewalk.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at 664-6153.

Respectfully,

Ann Yehle  
Directing Principal  
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