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[princi_elem] REMINDER: Frozen Playground Surfacing Hazard

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Good Morning All,
Playground surfacing materials, including wood chips, rubber tiles and poured-in-place foam pads are meant to provide cushioning to help prevent concussions and other injuries. When temperatures drop below freezing at night for more than a day or two, the top layer of playground chips, and poured-in-place surfacing, freeze - causing the surface to become too hard to absorb impacts.

When frost and ice are visible on the ground, playground supervisors or custodial staff should dig down below the chip surface to confirm that materials aren't frozen. **If there is a frozen crust of chips that stick together, students should not be allowed to use any playground equipment until surfacing has thawed.** Depending on weather conditions and the depth of the material that's frozen, **chips may stay frozen below the surface, even after the sun has melted surface frost.** Below are examples of these conditions.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.







Thank you,

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