

The MUSKOX SNOW REMOVAL TRIGGER LIST

Planning a snow removal budget isn't fun. At Muskox, we're helping school districts see their whole operation on one page so they can better plan for next year -- **even if they aren't yet our customers.** To help your district get a bird-eye view of your operation, we created this trigger list. And we included a couple other districts answers so you can know how their operations work.

How to Use: Fill out as much as you need to see your whole snow removal situation at one glance.

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NEEDS	<p>Clear all sidewalks, parking lots, and entryways at 8 school buildings.</p> <p>Clear all turf fields if snowfall exceeds 2".</p>	<p>Need to clear snow at an elementary school, a high school, and a central office that also serves as a bus parking lot.</p>	
TOOLS	<p>Skidsteers: 1 Bobcat (for the whole district)</p> <p>A few blades for plowing. Assorted shovels and salt.</p>	<p>The team has four main tools: Muskox 22-78 (for blowing), a Ford F-250 with a blade (for pushing snow over parking lots, a rotating brush on a John Deere (for sidewalks), and John Deere snow pusher.</p>	
STAFF	<p>Extremely short staffed.</p> <p>Fluctuating between 5 to 10 openings for grounds staff. Offering a compentitive salary, but still struggling.</p>	<p>Team of 4 has been able to clear the snow pretty well. They have only been doing "in-house" snow removal for the past 2 years. 1 year without and 1 year with the Muskox. Saved \$30K/year doing in-house snow removal.</p>	
COST	<p>Spent \$57,000 in additional snow removal costs last year. Need to hire a company for major snow events. "A huge add on."</p> <p>Thousands was also spent on broken wrists and ankles.</p>	<p>The first year of in-house removal saw a \$5-\$10K investment in the snow plows and buckets used. The second year saw the purchase of the Muskox. The Muskox took what had been a day-and-a-half job and made it take only an hour.</p>	
PLAN	<p>Need to improve our efficiency. Business Manager has to shovel b/c of staff shortage.</p> <p>No plan yet decided.</p>	<p>Still need a faster way to clear the 48" wide sidewalks (the Muskox is too wide). But they have no plans to change anything next year since the time and money saved has been significant.</p>	