



**ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

SC ROOM Key: I.O. = Information Only; A.R. = Action Request

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

**Virtual Open Meeting Broadcast by AndoverTV**

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**Public Participation**

Public Input should follow School Committee [policy BEDH](#) *Public Comment at School Committee Meetings* and [policy BEDH-E](#) *Guidelines for Public Comment*.

<p><b>Public input via email:</b>  <a href="mailto:scremote@andoverma.us">scremote@andoverma.us</a>  <i>please include name and address along with comments</i></p>	<p><b>Public input via live video:</b>  <a href="#">Registration link</a></p>
<p>Members of the public who wish to provide written Public Input, or to provide comment or ask a question on a particular agenda item can do so by sending email to the above email address. The public is encouraged to email questions ahead of time, and we will do our best to relay questions received during the meeting to the School Committee.</p>	<p>The Committee is piloting a method for members of the public to provide live video comment during the Public Input portion of the agenda. To participate via video, you must register in advance and the meeting administrator will move you from a WebEx lobby into the main meeting at the appropriate time. To participate in this way, please register using the above link.</p>

- I. School Committee Meeting – Call to Order **6:00PM**  
*Executive Session: Meet in Executive Session pursuant to G.L. chapter 30A, section 21(a), purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation with Fusion Academy because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Committee. The Committee will reconvene in regular session at approximately 7PM.*
  
- II. Regular Meeting Resumes – Moment of Silence **7:00PM**
  - A. Recognitions/Communications I.O.
  - B. Public Input
  - C. Response to Public Input
  - D. Education
    - 1. Update on Learning Models (Hybrid/Remote/In-Person) I.O.
    - 2. K – 1 Survey update I.O.
    - 3. AHS Handbook: Modification of AP Policy (Scott Darlington) A.R.
    - 4. Resolution: MCAS Moratorium A.R.
  - E. Continuing Business
    - 1. FY22 APS Budget presentation A.R.
    - 2. Superintendent Search: Screening Sub Committee A.R.
  - F. Consent Agenda A.R.
    - 1. Grants/Donations to District:
    - 2. SC Meeting Minutes
  - G. Adjournment A.R.

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Regular School Committee Meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public body and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town website. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: Andover public access television (Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 43) or streamed on the Andover TV Education Channel at [www.andovertv.org](http://www.andovertv.org). Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the AndoverTV website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.*

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### **Advanced Placement Program**

The Advanced Placement program at Andover High School is designed to offer the able and motivated student an academically challenging classroom experience comparable to a first year college course. Students recommended for an Advanced Placement course are expected to complete a student contract and the required summer assignments. **It is the expectation that students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses take the A.P. exam(s) on the scheduled date in May as outlined by the College Board. Students who decide not to take the AP exam will receive Honors level credit for the course.** Students taking the exam(s) are responsible for paying the standard test fee. Assistance is available for students with financial hardship.

**2021 Change Request: Waive the highlighted portion of the policy. AHS will assign AP weight to all AP courses regardless of whether or not a student takes the College Board's modified Spring 2021 AP Exam.**

For reference, the School Committee approved a number of handbook changes in April 2020 (see below) including the one submitted for approval again this year as outlined above.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zkqIIPlcPCuI9N934unxMOoclW6kVdgvqB1dnJ2iZU/edit?usp=sharing>

## DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For consideration at the March 4, 2021 School Committee meeting.

Uses MASC resolution as baseline, and modifies as indicated to specifically address MCAS for 2020/21 school year.

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~~WHEREAS the MASC Membership and MASC Board of Directors have previously and repeatedly taken the position of opposing high stakes testing including the MCAS; and~~

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Remote Learning Model has negatively and disproportionately affected students with learning disabilities, students of lower socioeconomic status, ELL students and students who identify as minorities; and

WHEREAS the social and emotional trauma both individually and collectively has yet to be truly realized in the students who have experienced the shutdown of their local school buildings and separations from their peers and supportive adults; and

WHEREAS the students of the Commonwealth have already missed valuable face to face instructional opportunities with their teachers and would benefit from focusing on those important instructional opportunities and social emotional supports;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ~~MASC~~ the Andover School Committee rejects the calls for the students of 2022 who missed their tenth grade MCAS testing to be required to make it up during the 2020-2021 school year or ever. We demand those students be held harmless for not taking the MCAS and that their graduation requirements shall be determined by locally controlled voices of the School Committee and School Administration within the remaining graduation requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Additionally, we ~~reiterate our~~ call for a moratorium on ~~all high-stakes~~ MCAS testing for the 2020-2021 school year so all students can benefit from their time being focused on direct instruction and we ~~urge the legislature to enact a moratorium on high-stakes testing of three years.~~

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL  
AT MARCH 4, 2021 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Follow up to February 4, 2021 School Committee vote which affirmed categories and number of members.

School Committee to establish a sub-committee of the School Committee for activities related to the hiring of a new Superintendent of School, including:

- Screening of candidates selected by Ray & Associates for consideration
- First round interviews of candidates
- Determination of finalist candidates to move on to next round of consideration

<b>COMPOSITION AND MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE</b>		
School Committee	2	Paul Murphy Shannon Scully
Assistant Super/COO	1	Sara Stetson
Program Coordinator	1	Steve Sanborn
Director	1	Steve Chinosi
Principal	1	Caitlin Brown
Teacher	1	Ann McNamee
Town Manager	1	Andrew Flanagan
Other Town (facilities)	1	Janet Nicosia
Community Member	2	Emily DiCesaro Jayashree Mohandas
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	

**PROCESS LEAD:** Jess Porter with Ray & Associates

**HIRING DECISION:** School Committee\* (by statute)

\* finalist interviews conducted in public followed by community sessions for feedback prior to SC vote