



ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear APS community,

As the district remains closed due to Governor Baker's Coronavirus order on Sunday, March 15th, the School Committee would like to provide an update to the community on upcoming School Committee meetings and informal forums.

While school is not in session, the School Committee is postponing the informal forums that are held monthly at Memorial Hall Library. This includes the forum that is scheduled for April 8th. We will provide information regarding the May 9th and June 9th forums in the coming weeks.

The School Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 7p.m. While the Chairman and Superintendent will be in the School Committee room, additional members of the School Committee will participate in this meeting remotely. The priority is for members and others to maintain a safe social distance as recommended by public health officials and permitted by an [emergency order](#) modifying the state's Open Meeting Law announced by Governor Baker on Thursday, March 12, 2020. This temporary order allows the School Committee, and other local government agencies, to continue to carry out essential functions and operations during the on-going Coronavirus outbreak.

This emergency order suspends the requirement for a majority of the committee to be physically present at the meeting, as well as the requirement for public access to the physical location where a public meeting is taking place, provided there are other means of access available. The March 19th meeting will not be open and physically accessible to the public, but the meeting will be televised on local public access stations and live streamed on [Andover TV](#) for public viewing.

The agenda for Thursday's meeting can be found [here](#).

We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. The School Committee can be reached by email at schoolcommittee@andoverma.us

Sincerely,

Joel Blumstein
Chair, Andover School Committee

About APS: The mission of the Andover Public Schools, in partnership with the entire Andover community, is to educate by engaging and inspiring students to develop as self-reliant, responsible citizens who are thinkers, problem solvers, and contributors prepared to participate in an evolving global society.