Motion for September 10, 2020 School Committee Meeting re: Arlington High School Reopening Plan

Moved that the Arlington School Committee accepts the Superintendent’s and High School Leadership’s revised plan to postpone a full hybrid instruction program, with live, in-person teaching available to all students who desire it, until the 2nd Semester of the 2020-21 school year (which commences in late January 2021), with the following conditions:

By no later than Friday, October 16, 2020, the district and high school leadership shall present a written report to the School Committee that includes:

- An update on HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) issues in Arlington High School, including the cost of installing new equipment and other upgrades necessary to make all spaces used as offices, classrooms and gathering spaces in previous school years accessible to students and staff during the current school year,
- A specific plan for remote instruction in the first semester of the 2020-21 school year that contains:
  - Opportunities for all students to have contact with teachers and staff on the campus of the high school through a variety of means, including some in-person instruction, orientation, and extracurricular programs,
  - A robust system of follow-up with all students, particularly those who do not submit assignments to their teachers on time or otherwise struggle with remote learning, and
  - Other pertinent details of the remote instruction plan.

By no later than Friday, November 13, 2020, the district and high school leadership shall prepare a written report to the School Committee that includes:

- A summary of student experiences to date with remote instruction, including participation rates and the number, percentage, and frequency of in-person, on-campus contacts AHS students have with faculty and staff,
- A summary of the school leadership’s evaluation of all reasonable hybrid models they have researched that allow students to experience live, in-person instruction (e.g., grades of students going to school at different times, an in-school schedule for selected core courses, etc.),
- A plan to implement hybrid instruction at AHS in the second semester of the 2020-21 school year that allows all students to experience live, in-person instruction if their parents or guardians make this choice for them, and
- A summary of any new costs associated with a transition to hybrid instruction in the second semester (e.g., audio visual equipment, additional staff, etc.).

As information becomes available, the School Committee shall evaluate proposals for facilities improvements and other expenses associated with the implementation of hybrid instruction at Arlington High School, prioritize needs, and work with the district leadership and town officials to identify funding sources to support a full hybrid program. Subcommittees of the School Committee shall meet as appropriate to review information and reports prepared by the Superintendent and her staff.