
AHS Semester2

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Dear School Committee Members and Dr. Bodie,

Thank you for the time that you have put into the AHS issues. As the Thursday meeting approaches, I made two observations today that make me realize Arlington is more than likely NOT going to do the best it can to bring our students back safely. First, I heard the message one of you sent to another parent, noting that the AA/BB 2-cohort model could only go forward if it doesn't include any AP or Honors classes. My question is, where are the DATA to support that fantastic claim?

What percentage of students in each grade take AP or Honors classes?

What percentage of the course catalog is composed of AP and Honors classes?

How many students are left to attend school if only those who don't want/need rigorous classes are welcome to attend?

How can you justify letting the AHS administration make a proposal like this, and don't you see it for the scare tactic that it is?

Please, insist on seeing hard DATA when you are presented with claims like this, and follow the DATA to a workable plan for AHS.

The second observation that I made was that the AHS admin and the SC scheduled a 'listening session' for students today. That sounded great in theory, but the students who were able to join (many never got the link) found a session that had more adults than students. To have a candid conversation, the School Committee should have talked with students and no other adults should have been present. Instead, AHS teachers and staff outnumbered students at the session (and many students have already been unfairly swayed by teachers).

I continue to urge you to insist on transparency, honesty and DATA from the AHS administration. We are not getting any of those things yet.

Sincerely,
Ann Skoczenski