

Motions, pertaining to the school calendar, adopted by the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee on February 9, 2021.

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Dr. Allison-Ampe, it was **voted** to recommend that the full Committee, at their meeting on February 11, 2021, vote to have the first day of school for the 2021- 2022 school year on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Roll Call:

Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Paul Schlichtman	Yes		(3-0)

On a **motion** by Mr. Hayner, **seconded** by Dr. Allison-Ampe, it was **voted** that the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee recommends the Arlington School Committee adopt the following statement, and send it to Senator Cindy F. Friedman, Representative Sean Garballey, Representative David M. Rogers, Governor Charles D. Baker, Jr., Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley, and members of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education:

Over the past year, the Arlington Public Schools partnered with its teachers to develop expertise and resources for successful remote learning. The district has provided extensive professional development for our professional staff, and our teachers have devoted considerable hours of their time to master best practices for remote learning. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our educators, Arlington has demonstrable success in providing high-quality remote instruction for our students.

While there is no substitute for in-person teaching, we believe that successful remote instruction during snow closures can be preferable to extending the school year in June. Recognizing our teachers' and students' proficiency in remote instruction, the Arlington School Committee requests the amendment of state law or Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regulations to permit districts to choose to conduct a full credited day of remote instruction when the district would otherwise close schools due to inclement weather.

Roll Call:

Kirsi Allison-Ampe	Yes	Bill Hayner	Yes
Paul Schlichtman	Yes		(3-0)