

If remote participation has been adopted by the Mayor, a member of the School Committee shall be permitted to participate remotely in a full School Committee meeting, in accordance with the procedures described below.

A. Members of the School Committee who participate remotely and all persons present at the meeting location shall be clearly audible to each other;

B. A quorum of the body, including the chair or, in the chair's absence, the person authorized to chair the meeting, shall be physically present at the meeting location.

C. Members who participate remotely may vote and shall not be deemed absent

D. A member may not participate remotely in a full School Committee meeting more than **six** (Do we want to change this number?) times in a calendar year, unless granted permission by the Chair/ full School Committee vote.

(**Do we want to have an exception here, if so, who approves?)

E. A member may participate remotely for the following reasons, and must convey the reason for their remote participation to the chair or member who is chairing the meeting; Personal illness, Personal disability, Emergency, Military service, or Geographic distance.

F. Any technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another is acceptable. When video technology is in use, the remote participant shall be clearly visible to all persons present in the meeting location.

G. The amount and source of payment for any costs associated with remote participation, if any, shall be borne by the member(s) remotely participating.

H. A member participating remotely may participate in an executive session, but shall state at the start of any such session that no other person is present and/or able to hear the discussion at the remote location, unless presence of that person is approved by a simple majority vote of the public body.