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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{2(a^2 + b^2)}{b + c} + \frac{c^2}{b} \geq 2a + c$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(a+b)^2}{b+c} + (b+c) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{(a+b)^2}{b+c} \cdot (b+c)} = 2(a+b) \\ \text{or, } \frac{(a+b)^2}{b+c} &\geq 2(a+b) - (b+c) = 2a + b - c \quad (1) \\ \frac{c^2}{b} + b &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2c \text{ or, } \frac{c^2}{b} \geq 2c - b \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(a^2 + b^2)}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{b} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{2 \frac{(a+b)^2}{2}}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{b} = \frac{(a+b)^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{b} \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2a + b - c + 2c - b = 2a + c \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a=b=c$.