THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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## Policy #TBD PARENT REFUSAL OF STANDARDIZED TESTING

The South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education understands the value of state testing as one component, among many, to assess student performance and to ensure accountability at the district level as it relates to student achievement.

The South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education is mandated by the State of New Jersey to administer certain statewide assessments, including the Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), to students in the district; and

The South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education recognizes that some parents choose to have their children decline to take one or more of the standardized tests;

It is the policy of the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education that such parental decisions should be met with educationally appropriate and non-punitive, responses.

The Superintendent is directed to establish a procedure in accord with this Policy.