

HAND CARRY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2023

RESOLUTION 4535

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM SOUTH ORANGE
MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE
TREES FOR SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, planting trees on school grounds will bring many benefits to our students, staff, and the wider community, including providing cooling shade, habitat, beauty, air and water filtration, stormwater runoff reduction, energy savings, climate change mitigation, and educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education seeks to support and work with school administrators, staff, students, and community partners to create a safe and healthy environment for students now and into the future by planting and maintaining trees at appropriate locations;

THEREFORE, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education has determined that the South Orange Maplewood School District should apply for a grant from the *Trees for Schools: Tree-planting Grants for New Jersey Public Schools, Colleges, and Universities Program*. The Grant will be used to plant trees at the following location: Seth Boyden Elementary School.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education authorizes the submission of and acceptance of the aforementioned grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the South Orange Maplewood School District is awarded this grant, the District commits to protecting and maintaining the trees planted with grant funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Seth Boyden Elementary is working with Tree-Planting Grants for New Jersey Public Schools Colleges to beautify their grounds.