

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 5009A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. June 2026 Preliminary Board Secretary's Report
2. June 2026 Preliminary Treasurer's Reports
3. June 2026 Preliminary Transfer Report
4. June 2026 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. August 2026 Lease Payments in the amount of \$116,443.22
6. Check Register# 430384-430494 in the amount of \$ \$2,403,861.43

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RESOLUTION 5009B

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that as of June 30, 2026 after review of the preliminary secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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RESOLUTION 5009C

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AND WORK-RELATED TRAVEL
AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel and/or online workshop; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	DATE(S)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
Suzanne Ackley Columbia HS	Kagan Online: Cooperative Learning	9/14/26	Virtual	\$249.00
Dorothy Conners Central Office	Key Aspects of NJ OPRA Law for Local Governments and School Districts	9/2/26	Virtual	\$50.00
Jennifer Dalton Columbia HS	AP Capstone Institute – ELA AP Seminar	9/25/26- 9/27/26	Virtual	\$799.00
Frank Guastella South Orange MS	2026 New Jersey Science Convention	10/20/26- 10/21/26	Princeton, NJ	\$370.00
Tunde Adedoyin Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Jason Bing Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Ann Bodnar Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Keith Bonds Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Henry Bottiglierie Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Zoila Correa Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Kathleen Gesumaria Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25

Kevin Gilbert Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Paul Morgan Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Corrina Parsio Columbia HS	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Tiffani Reneau Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Nicole Schoening Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Kerri Waibel Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26- 10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
Dorothy Conners Central Office	NJASBO Administrative Assistant Program	11/12/26	Whippany, NJ	\$199.00
Adaliana Cuadrado Central Office	NJASBO Administrative Assistant Program	11/12/26	Whippany, NJ	\$199.00
Elizabeth Barry Central Office	NJASBO Purchasing Workshop	3/11/27	Whippany, NJ	\$236.80
Tiffani Reneau Central Office	NJASBO Workshops	9/22/26 10/6/26 11/12/26 12/15/26 1/12/27 2/16/27 4/13/27 5/11/27	Whippany, NJ	\$1,960.20
Nicole Schoening Central Office	NJASBO Workshops	9/22/26 10/6/26 11/12/26 12/15/26 1/12/27 2/16/27 4/13/27 5/11/27	Whippany, NJ	\$1,960.20
			Total	\$18,766.45

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Jersey travel regulations (NJAC 6A:23B), Board Policy 8880 – Reimbursement of Travel Related Expenses, and newly enacted legislation [18A:11-12] require prior approval by the Superintendent and by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education for reimbursement of travel and related expenses of an employee.

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RESOLUTION 5009D

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **APPROVE BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AND RELATED TRAVEL AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following attendance and/or workshop related expenses:

	BOARD MEMBER	EVENT	DATE	Location	Estimated Cost (\$'s)
1.	Jeffrey Bennett	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
2.	Deirdre Brown	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
3.	Elizabeth Callahan	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/20/26-10/21/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$679.05
4.	Meredith Higgins	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
5.	Bimal Kapadia	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
6.	William Meyer	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/20/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$829.65
7.	William Meyer	NJSBA Fall School Law Forum 2026	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$299.00
8.	Malini Nayar	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
9.	Shayna Sackett-Gable	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
10.	Paul Stephan	NJSBA Fall Workshop	10/19/26-10/22/26	Atlantic City, NJ	\$980.25
				Total	\$8,669.45

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the above event to be work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the of the attendee and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthering of efficient operation of the school district and is fiscally prudent, and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and 24.1 of the School Ethics Act.

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RESOLUTION 5009E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the 2026-2027 school year for the service indicated:

Provider Name	Service	Rate	Not to Exceed
Care Plus NJ, Inc. Paramus, NJ	School Clearance Assessment	\$350.00/ <i>Assessment</i> \$650.00/2 nd Assessment	\$10,000.00
	Psychiatric Evaluations	\$450.00/Eval \$650.00/ CST Eval	
	Substance Use Disorder / Medical Clearance Urinalysis & Quantitate Reporting Arrangements	\$210.00	
	Medical Clearance	\$75.00	
GenPsych Wayne, NJ	Risk Assessment and Evaluation for School Clearance	\$250.00	\$10,000.00
Speech Therapy Consultants, LLC Highland Park, NJ	Speech Language Therapy	\$105.00/hour	\$5,000.00
	Monolingual Speech- Language Evaluation (English Only)	\$850.00/eval	
	Bilingual Speech-Language Evaluation (Spanish/English)	\$1000/eval	
	Bilingual Speech-Language Evaluation (Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Other languages except Spanish	\$1,150/eval	
Starlight Home Care dba Star Pediatric Home Care Agency, LLC	RN	\$65.00/hr	\$401,200.00

	LPN	\$56.00/hr	
	1:1 RN	\$75.00/hr	
Stepping Forward Counseling Center, LLC Chatham, NJ	Home Instruction	\$100.00/hr	\$115,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The provider(s) will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 18A:4-1, et seq., the Board is permitted to enter into professional service contracts without the necessity of public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 5009F

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVES USE OF VENDORS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the use of the following vendors in excess of \$53,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Vendor	Product	Department	Contract #	Estimated Expenditure
Absolute Protective Systems, Inc. (Sciens)	Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspection and Related Services, BUILDING ACCESS & SECURITY	Facilities	#65MCESCCPS ESCNJ 24/25-11, ESCNJ 23/24-32	\$140,800.00
Combustion Service Corp.	Annual Boiler Cleaning	Facilities	Follow up	\$57,367.00
Data Network Solutions	Data Communication Network Services WAN, Internet Hosting Services	Technology	NJ Start 22-TELE-80912	\$220,188.00
Delta Dental of NJ	Dental Insurance	Business Office	exempt	\$635,000.00
Flooring Foundation Corp.	Flooring	Facilities	NJ Start 23-FOOD-47764	\$75,000.00
Great Minds PBC	Textbooks	Curriculum	Exempt	\$204,376.83
Lakeshore Learning Materials	LIBRARY & SCHOOL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT	Districtwide	NJ Start 17-FOOD-00250	\$77,407.00
Maplewoodshop	Woodworking Class Curriculum and Supplies	Curriculum	exempt	\$52,939.48
Metropolitan Telecommunication	Telephone	Business Office	exempt	\$234,817.00
Natural Green Lawn Care		Facilities	#65MCESCCPS ESCNJ 23/24-09	\$125,000.00
Public Service Electric & Gas	Utility	Business Office	exempt	\$1,800,000.00
R & L Data Center, Inc.	Payroll Services	Business Office	exempt	\$80,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$53,000 for items not awarded by public bidding. Copyrighted materials and vendors on co-op and state contracts are exempt from public bidding.

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RESOLUTION 5009G

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DISTRICT CLUBS,
PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PTA'S

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education authorize the following Clubs, Parent Organizations and PTA's be covered as additionally insured under the District's NJSIG policy for the 2026-2027 school year.

Columbia High School
Improv Club
Neuro-Diversity Club

This list must be approved annually and may be amended throughout the school year.

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RESOLUTION 5009H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE PARENTAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves parental transportation agreement #26/27-2 in the amount of \$20,240.00, for the period September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State law allows districts to compensate parents for transportation in lieu of a contracted bus route.

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RESOLUTION 5009I

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO
FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement for the 26-27 school year with the following vendor for Facility Usage at Columbia High School. The agreement includes the waiver of facility use fees unless there is a cost to the district.

- Jacob Sumner (Basketball training sessions for girls in grades 4-6)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Athletic Director arranged for this vendor to offer free services to SOMSD student athletes.

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RESOLUTION 5009J

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE
PUBLIC HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide Public Home Instruction Services for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$70.21 per hour.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Essex Regional Educational Services Commission will perform this service as needed.

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RESOLUTION 5009K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE TUITION FOR REGULAR AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a tuition agreement with Union County Vocational-Technical Schools for each district resident student referred to them for the 2026-2027 school year at the following annual out of county tuition rates:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TUITION</u>
Union County Academy for Allied Health Sciences	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Academy for Global Logistics	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Academy for Information Technology	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics, & Technology	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Vocational-Technical HS	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Academy for the Performing Arts	Full-time	\$9,000.00
Union County Career and Technical Institute	Shared-time	\$3,750.00
All Self-Contained Special Needs Vocational-Technical Programs	Shared-time	\$6,000.00
Transition Program (attends AM & PM Class)	Full-time	\$15,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in the County of Union provides educational programs for students that are unavailable within district. This agreement covers any students attending one or more Union County vocational schools during the 2026-2027 school year.

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RESOLUTION 5009L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: SUBMIT FEDERAL FY2027 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education submits an application for Federal FY2027 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$449,613.00 as follows:

Public School

Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs	\$270,906.00
Title II, Part A: Teacher/Principal Training/Recruiting	\$114,118.00
Title III, English Language Acquisition/Language Enhancement	\$ 22,640.00
Title III Immigrant Language Instruction for Immigrant Student	\$ 14,682.00
Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment	<u>\$ 19,464.00</u>
Total Public School Allocation	\$441,810.00

Non-Public School	Title I	Title II-A	Title III	Title IV	
Total Non-Public Allocation	\$7,314.00	\$0	\$0	\$489.00	\$7,803.00

TOTAL ESEA ALLOCATION **\$449,613.00**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The public school district administers the funding for the ESEA entitlement funds. The amount of funds applied for is 100% of the entitlement allocated to the district.

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RESOLUTION 5009M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION OF VARIOUS ARTWORKS TO COLUMBIA
HIGH SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of various artworks to Columbia High School. The approximate value of the donation is \$159,000.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Former district residents and gallery owners Carol and Stephen Schulte have generously made this donation. The artworks will be exhibited in the Columbia High School Library and Commons.

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RESOLUTION 5009N

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR DOE REVIEW
AND APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Orange & Maplewood Board of Education to approve the submission of the following projects to the New Jersey Department of Education, for review and Department approval of an “other capital project” with no state funding and amendment of the long-range facilities plan to be consistent with the project.

- Boiler Replacement at South Orange Middle School
- Boiler Replacement at Tuscan Elementary School

Further, the Board authorizes Spiezle Architectural Group Inc, to make the submissions to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

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RESOLUTION 50090

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR ROOF REPAIRS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education awards a contract to LR Watts Roofing and Construction, Inc of Perth Amboy, NJ, for the roof projects noted below:

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| ○ South Mountain | \$6,990 |
| ○ Tuscan Art Room | \$2,614 |
| ○ Tuscan Entrance | \$2,650 |
| ○ Marshall | \$6,500 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent, and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

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RESOLUTION 5009P

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH
CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with Chamberlain University for students enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Advanced Practice Nursing Specialties (APN), Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS), and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs effective August 31, 2026 through August 31, 2029.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and clinical facility. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

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RESOLUTION 5009Q

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS
UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a clinical affiliation agreement with The Rutgers University Graduate School of Education's Urban Social Justice Teacher Preparation Program effective August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this this clinical affiliation agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and clinical facility. This agreement is subject to attorney review.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
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RESOLUTION 5009R

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN ACES COOPERATIVE PRICING
SYSTEM TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC SERVICES THROUGH THE
ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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RESOLUTION 5009S

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN ACES COOPERATIVE PRICING
SYSTEM TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH
THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”)
Bid

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with

the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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RESOLUTION 5009T

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: STATE APPLICATION FOR SOUTH ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
AT SETH BOYDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of South Orange-Maplewood in the County of Essex, NJ (the “Board”), would like to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of drainage improvement at Seth Boyden Elementary School:

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take steps in order to proceed with the Project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In accordance with the requirement of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves all plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of the same to their County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval by Parette Somjen Architects. This project is designated “Capital Reserve” and the Board is not seeking state funding.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determination of the Board set forth in this resolution, including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Adopted this 27th day of August, 2026, by the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2026

RESOLUTION 5009U

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY BOILER
REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator was notified by the Director of Facilities that two boilers need to be replaced at South Orange Maplewood Middle School and one boiler at the Tuscan Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange Middle School has three boilers with two non-operational and needs two to at least operate efficiently, and the Tuscan Elementary School has two boilers with one non-operational and needs two to operate efficiently, creating a health and safety concern; and,

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator notified the Executive County Superintendent, received immediate approval, and began procurement options; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the emergency purchasing contract provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1, the School Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent, Nicole C Schoening (the "Purchasing Agent"), is authorized to award contracts without public bidding when an emergency affects the health or safety of the occupants of the applicable school, even though the cost of the work may exceed the district's bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is recommending awarding a contract to Combustion Services Corp, of Boonton Township, NJ for the immediate replacements of the three boilers necessary to protect the health and safety of the building's occupants, and

WHEREAS, the contractor identified above has provided all documentation required under the public contracting laws, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., demonstrating its eligibility to perform the requested services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and declares that emergency conditions exist at the South Orange Middle School and Tuscan Elementary School and that immediate action is necessary to protect the health and safety of Middle School students and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange & Maplewood Board of Education hereby awards an emergency contract to Combustion Services, Corp, of Boonton Township, NJ in the amount of \$315,195.