**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ**
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**
**OCTOBER 29, 2026**

**FOR ACTION**

**RESOLUTION** **5037**

**SUBJECT:** **ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE 2026–2031 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** the South Orange and Maplewood School District is committed to providing an educational environment that supports student achievement, student well-being, equity, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Education recognizes the importance of establishing a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to guide the District's priorities, initiatives, and decision-making over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS,** the District engaged in a collaborative strategic planning process facilitated by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), incorporating input and perspectives from District leadership, Board of Education members, staff, families, students, and community members; and

**WHEREAS,** the strategic planning process identified shared priorities, goals, and objectives intended to advance the District's mission and strengthen educational opportunities and outcomes for all students; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan establishes a framework to guide the District's work, inform future planning and decision-making, and support ongoing evaluation of progress toward the achievement of its identified goals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the South Orange and Maplewood School District hereby accepts and approves the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan, as presented; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to lead the implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the development and alignment of action steps, measurable objectives, and progress-monitoring processes, as appropriate.