

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
March 17, 2014**

**RESOLUTION      3132**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:    APPROVE GIFTED AND TALENTED STRATEGY**

WHEREAS the Board of Education created a Guiding Change Document for Gifted and Talented Strategy to establish parameters for the development of proposals for presentation to the Board,

AND, WHEREAS, the Guiding Change Document directed the Administration to present no fewer than two options to the Board that provides high quality enhancements and/or alternatives to current educational programming,

AND, WHEREAS, the Administration presented three options to address Gifted and Talented strategies,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves implementation of the Gifted and Talented strategy for elementary school students that begins with identification in grade \_\_\_\_\_ and expands to full implementation over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board approved the Guiding Change Document regarding the Gifted and Talented Strategy on October 15, 2012. The parameters included providing strategies for Gifted and Talented that will help the District achieve the goals of promoting the intellectual development of students. The rationale behind this directive included:

To fulfill the unique needs of students who are or may be identified as Gifted and Talented in certain identified areas;

To address the perception that highly capable students are not provided with the most appropriate education possible;

To keep the District in compliance with NJ law and regulation governing Gifted and Talented education;

To seek input and derive options in a manner that allows for program development and implementation by AY2014-15.