SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ PUBLIC BOARD MEETING December 21, 2015

RESOLUTION 3361

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ADOPT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education adopt the following Policies as presented:

- Policy 2314 Academic Placement
- Policy 5330 Administration of Medication
- Policy 5339 Screening for Dyslexia
- Policy 8505 Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meal and Other Foods

BACKGROUND

Policy 2314 is being amended in order to assure consistency with Board Policy 5755.1 – Access and Equity and to ensure that all student programs are provided in as transparent a method as possible with all requisite accountability and Board oversight protections.

Policy 5330 is being amended in order to comply with Public Law 2015, Chapter 13 concerning the emergency administration of epinephrine to students for anaphylaxis signed into law effective beginning the 2015-2016 school year. The amendments also require a school district to have a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors in a secure, but unlocked and easily accessible location in the school and provide immunity from liability for actions of school employees, nurses, agents of the Board, and for physicians and advanced practice nurses.

Policy 5339 is being amended in order to comply with additional required statutes to include the definition of dyslexia that school districts should be using in the policy. In addition, the reading disabilities professional development requirement of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-131 for specific teaching staff members has also been incorporated into the revised policy.

Policy 8505 and 8510 are being combined to allow for period changes in federal requirements for Wellness and Nutrition and to allow for ease of revision in the event requirements change in the future. Policy 8510 will be repealed.