

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2016**

RESOLUTION 3428

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Middle School Transformation Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to not offer the Accelerated 8th ELA Course in 2016-2017 and to offer an enhanced/honors curriculum in all 8th grade ELA courses on a pilot basis for the 2016-2017 school year, with monitoring by Administration and monitoring reports to the Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Middle School Transformation Plan in 2012 originally included an opportunity for eligible middle school students to take 9th grade Language Arts in grade 8. Qualified students accelerated to a Grade 9 Honors English course during their 8th grade year. The criteria were set in the regulations of Policy 2314 Academic Placement to identify these students by end of grade 7.