

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
January 27, 2020**

**FOR ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER**     **3972**

**SUBJECT**                     Book Adoption

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT**   The Board of Education adopts the following book:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TITLE/AUTHOR</b>	<b>PUBLISHER/DATE</b>
ELA	11 & 12	The Testaments, Margaret Atwood	Nan A. Tales; First Ed. 9-10-2019
<p><b>Background:</b> The Handmaid’s Tale (HT) is currently used in Honors Contemporary Literature. The Testaments, described as a sequel, offers the opportunity for an enhanced discussion of HT within the dystopian unit, in that it provides an exploration of perspectives, such as the mindset a member of an oppressed group who discriminates and oppresses other members of that group, a so-called “gender traitor,” as well as that of someone oppressed who internalizes such oppression and is reluctant to rebel against it because it is her cultural identity. Additionally, while HT explores what conditions allow for the formation of a patriarchal society, Testaments evaluates why such a restrictive society will necessarily fail.</p>			