

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD**

**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

**September 21, 2020**

**FOR ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4058**

**SUBJECT:** COVID impacts on the 20/21 Student Board of Education  
Representative Election

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Policy 143.2, the election for the SOMSD Student Representative to the Board of Education (“Student Representative”) is conducted each spring for the upcoming school year at the same time that elections for the Columbia High School Student Council are conducted;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Policy 143.2, when elections are conducted in the spring, only those students in Grades 9 through 11 who meet the other eligibility criteria set forth in the Policy are deemed qualified to run for the Student Representative for the following school year ;

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and distance learning in the Spring of 2020, the elections for the Columbia High School Student Council and Student Representative were moved to the Fall of 2020 and they are expected to occur in or about October 2020;

**WHEREAS**, under the current wording of Policy 143.2 and the express reference to Grades 9 through 11, students who are currently in 12<sup>th</sup> Grade at the High School, who were otherwise eligible to run for the Student Representative office in the Spring of 2020 would be rendered ineligible to run for election this fall as a result of the delay in the election due to COVID-19;

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

All students enrolled in Columbia High School for the 2020/21 school year at the time of the 2020/21 Student Council elections in the Fall of 2020 who are in Grades 10 through 12 and who meet the other eligibility criteria set forth in Policy 143.2, shall be eligible to run for election as the Student Representative to the Board of Education for 2020/21.