

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2021**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER **4182**

SUBJECT Book Adoption

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

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	10	Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson	Spiegel & Gray Trade Paperback, 2015
Background: The selection of this text provides students with the following: an awareness and appreciation of the African-American experience in America. An understanding of the common thematic, stylistic, cultural and political links that reveal true experiences of African Americans in America. Opportunities to examine and reflect on readings and discussions through several modes of writing and other project work.			

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ELA	9-12	Under the Udala Trees, (first edition), Chinelo Okparanta	Granta Books UK and Houghton Mifflin Hardcourt USA, 2015
Background: This young adult, coming of age genre novel would be used in English 9 and Literature of the African Diaspora Curriculum units of The Revolution, Innocence to Experience and Social Injustice, as well as Unit 7 in African, No Women No Pride.			

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	11	How the Word is Passed, Clint Smith	Little, Brown and Company, June 2021
Background: This nonfiction text explores how slavery is a central narrative to the shaping of our nation’s history and how that presents today’s contemporary strife. It is a well-researched narrative that uncovers how history is buried in stories and places around the country and world that are in plain view.			