

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
November 15, 2021**

**RESOLUTION        4225**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN IN THE AMICUS BRIEF SUBMITTED  
                          IN SUPPORT OF DREW ADAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board had previously resolved to join in the amicus brief filings in support of litigation supporting the legal rights of transgender students; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently pending in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals litigation entitled Adams v. School Board of St. Johns County, Florida, No. 18-13592 (11th Cir. 2021) which concerns the legal rights of transgender students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in August, 2020, had ruled in favor of Drew Adams finding that the school board's policy violated Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution, but the Court subsequently vacated that decision and granted the school board's petition for a rehearing *en banc*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to express its support of the Plaintiff/Appellee Drew Adams.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education agrees to join in the amicus brief to be submitted in support of Plaintiff/Appellee Drew Adams to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and authorizes the execution of any necessary retainer agreement, at no cost to the Board, with Amicus Counsel supporting Plaintiff/Appellee Drew Adams.