

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2022

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION 4305

**SUBJECT: SOUTH ORANGE MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND PROVISION OF TRANSCRIPTS**

WHEREAS, The South Orange Maplewood School District is committed to equity, diversity and inclusivity, and providing safe and welcoming spaces for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, disability status, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, religion, and economic status; and

WHEREAS, The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education affirms its commitment that all students be able to participate in all school events and activities, regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education affirms its commitment to provide transcripts to students and graduates regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, The South Orange Maplewood Board of Education intends to revise Policy 5513 Care of School Property to ensure that any monies owed the South Orange Maplewood School District do not prevent students from participating in school events or activities and do not prevent students or graduates from receiving transcripts; and

WHEREAS, revising Policy 5513 Care of School Property cannot be accomplished prior to the end of the 2021-2022 school year according to Policy 0131 Bylaws and Policies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to permit students to attend and participate in school events and activities, including but not limited to graduation, Prom, Midnight Madness, Eighth Grade Dinner Dance, and field trips, regardless of whether South Orange Maplewood School District records show that the student owes any fines or monies to the South Orange Maplewood School District, until the Board of Education passes a revised policy 5513 Care of School Property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to provide transcripts to students and graduates regardless of ability to pay or any fines or monies owed to the South Orange Maplewood School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to ensure that affected students are promptly notified of their ability to participate in such activities and receive transcripts.