

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
June 29, 2022**

RESOLUTION 4320

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RENAMING OF JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education may consider a change in the name of an existing school or facility to ensure and model an inclusive, welcoming and respectful learning environment; and

WHEREAS, naming a school for a person is to honor that person and to hold them up as a role model for students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously adopted Resolution 4190 at its August 16, 2021 meeting directing the Superintendent or a designee to work with the students of Jefferson Elementary School to seek input from the District's student community to propose a new name for that school to the Board of Education by June 30, 2022, so that the Board may vote on the adoption of such name to take effect commencing with the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Elementary School community recommended to the Board of Education five names for consideration, which the Board shared with the public at its June 20, 2022 meeting and discussed further during its June 27, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will no longer hold up an enslaver as a role model for students of the South Orange Maplewood School District; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson Elementary School be renamed to Delia Bolden Elementary School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District take the necessary steps, including but not limited to installing new signage and updating the District website, to reflect the new name by September 8, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District consider how to memorialize the building's previous name of Jefferson Elementary School and the reasons for the name change on school grounds by June 30, 2023.