

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2022

RESOLUTION 4336A

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education receives and accepts the following financial reports:

1. Board Secretary's Report dated July 31, 2022
2. Expense Account Adjustment Analysis dated July 31, 2022
3. Revenue Account Adjustment Analysis dated July 31, 2022
4. Check Register #414098-414402 in the amount of \$11,912,019.61
5. Check Register #200784-200787 in the amount of \$2,003,186.07
6. Check Register #200788 for July 2022 payroll in the amount of \$2,382,941.54
7. Treasurer's Report of June 2022

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RESOLUTION 4336B

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(e), we certify that as of July 31, 2022 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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RESOLUTION 4336C

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AND WORK RELATED TRAVEL
AND/OR WORKSHOP EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the following employees have requested approval for the indicated work-related travel and/or online workshop; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated function was previously approved by the employees' supervisor and superintendent as work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the attendance and related travel and/or workshop expenses for the following work-related events:

EMPLOYEE	WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE	Date(s)	Location	Estimated Costs
Susie Budine Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Ann Bodnar Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Keith Bonds Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Eric Burnside Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Eric Burnside Central Office	NJASBO Workshops	9/20/2022 10/13/2022 11/17/2022 12/14/2022 1/19/2022 2/21/2022 3/21/2022 4/18/2022	Whippany, NJ	\$963.83
Andrea Del Guercio Central Office	NJASBO Workshops	9/20/2022 10/13/2022 11/17/2022 12/14/2022 1/19/2022	Whippany, NJ	\$963.83

		2/21/2022 3/21/2022 4/18/2022		
Thomas Giglio Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Dr. Kevin Gilbert Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Julianne Porter S. Mountain Annex	Connecting Healthy Equity & Student Success	7/11/2022- 7/13/2022	Online	\$280.00
Stacey Robinson Central Office	NJSBA Virtual Labor Summit	9/28/2022	Online	\$99.00
Stacey Robinson Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Dr. Ronald Taylor Central Office	NJSBA Fall Workshop 2022	10/24/2022- 10/26/2022	Atlantic City, NJ	\$556.77
Stanley Valles Central Office	Class III - School Liaison Refresher Training Morris County	8/29/2022	Morris Plains, NJ	\$95.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Jersey travel regulations (NJAC 6A:23B), Board Policy 8880 – Reimbursement of Travel Related Expenses, and newly enacted legislation [18A:11-12] require prior approval by the Superintendent and by a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education for reimbursement of travel and related expenses of an employee.

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RESOLUTION 4336D

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the service indicated for the 2022-2023 school year:

Provider Name	Service	Rate
Bergen County Special Services	Assistive Technology	
Paramus, NJ	Assistive Technology Evaluation	\$975.00/eval
	AT Support	\$170.00/hour
	Student Consult (3 hours)	\$500.00
	Professional Development Workshop	\$800.00/half day \$1,300.00 full day
	AT Class Assessment	\$800.00
	Augmentative Communication	
	Augmentative Communication Assessment	\$1,100/eval
	AAC Support	\$170.00/hour
	Professional Development Workshop	\$800.00/half day \$1,300.00 full day
	AAC Student Evaluative Consult	\$600.00
	Behavior	
	Functional Behavior Assessment	\$850.00/eval
	Behavior Specialist Services	\$134.00/hour
	BCBA Services	\$150.00/hour
	Home Programming Implementation	\$80.00/hour
	Professional Development Workshop	\$800.00/half day \$1,300.00 full day
	Related Services	
	Occupational, Physical, Speech Therapy Evaluations	\$790.00/eval \$390.00 for 192/193
	Occupational, Physical, Speech Direct Service	\$125.00/hour
	Occupational, Physical, Speech Consultants	\$125.99/hour
	Yoga in the Classroom with OT/PT	\$125.00/hour
	Professional Development Workshop	\$800.00/half day \$1,300.00 full day
	Child Study Team	
	Social, Psychological, Educational Evaluations	\$790.00/eval

	Bilingual CST Evaluation	\$850.00/eval
	CST Coverage	\$155.00/hour
	Vocational and Transition Services	
	Functional Assessment	\$850.00
	Situational Assessment	\$80.00/138.00/hour
	Comprehensive Vocational Assessment	\$975.00
	Job Coaching	\$80.00/hour
	Job Development	\$138.00/hour
	Site Inspections/Follow-up Visits	\$138.00/hour
	Transition/CBI Training and Support	\$138.00/hour
	Post-Secondary Planning	\$138.00/hour
	Professional Development Workshop	\$800.00/half day \$1,300.00 full day
	Inclusion	
	Curriculum-Adaptions within Inclusive Classroom	\$138.00/hour
	Inclusion Specialist (LDTC)	\$138.00/hour
	Support Staff Trainer	\$80.00/hour
	Peer Training – Disability Awareness	\$80.00/138.00/hour
	Sound Solutions	
	Audiological Services	\$188.00/hour
	Audiological Evaluations	\$500.00-\$1,000.00
	Central Auditory Processing Evaluations	\$500.00-\$2,000.00
	Training by Audiologist (3-hour max)	\$188.00/hour
	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consult	\$165.00/hour
	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Direct Service	\$165.00/hour
	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing In-Service (3-hour max)	\$165.00/hour
	Auditory Verbal Based Therapy	\$165.00/hour
	Interpreter	\$45.00/hour
	Interpreter Agency Rate	\$110.00/hour
	CART – Midland Park	\$40.00/hour x periods a day/week
	Educational Services	
	Consult Services for curriculum and/or program Review & Recommendations	\$155.00/hour
	Home Instruction	\$75.00/hour
	Orton Gillingham Practitioner	\$80.00/hour
	Classroom Environmental Modifications	\$138.00/hour
	Student Wellness Services	
	Therapeutic Adventures & Confidence Course	\$920.00/full day \$470.00/half day
	Yoga in the Classroom with OT/PT – individual classroom lesson	\$125.00/hour
	Yoga or Mindfulness classroom lessons –	\$300.00/for 3 lesson

	3 lesson bundle	
	Mindfulness in schools	\$125.00/hour
	School-Based Counseling	\$155.00/hour
	Individual Rates for Professional Development Workshops	
	EE PD Series	\$50.00 pp one session \$90.00 pp two session
	AAC PD Series	\$75.00 pp
Jag-One Bridgewater, NJ	Per Diem Athletic Training	\$65.00/hour
Community Behavior Consulting, LLC South Orange, NJ	Behavior Therapy	\$75.00/hour
	Tier 1 Services	\$200.00-\$350.00
	Tier 2 Services	\$850.00-1000.00
	Tier 3 Services	\$1200.00
Silvergate Prep Bridgewater, NJ	Home Instruction	\$60.00/hour
Brett Dinovi & Associates, LLC Cherry Hill, NJ	Behavior Consultation/ABA Services Clinical Associates	\$60.00/hour
	Behavior Consultants	\$135.00/hour
Dr. Ilyse O'Desky Springfield, NJ	Neuropsychological/Psychological Evaluation	\$4,000.00/evaluation
EI US LLC, dba Learn Well Plymouth, MA	Home/Hospital Instruction	\$60.50/hour
Derrick T. McKie East Orange, NJ	Behavior Therapy	\$50.00/hour
Jeanine Contreras Maplewood, NJ	Behavior Therapy	\$50.00/hour
Prism Behavioral Consulting Lincoln Park, NJ	Behavior Therapy/BCBA	\$130.00/session
Prime Healthcare – St. Clare's Hospital Boonton, NJ	Home Instruction	\$55.00/hour
Cure Staffing Whitestone, NY	Registered Nurse (RN)	\$75.00 per hour
	License Practical Nurse (LPN)	\$64.00 per hour
Summit Speech School New Providence, NJ	Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf	\$190.00 or \$195.00/hour
	Staff/Student In-Service	\$190.00 or \$195.00/hour

	Consultative Services	\$190 or \$195.00/hour
	Review/Observation/Intake (ROI) provided by the coordinator/supervisor of the Itinerant Program	\$250.00/hour

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The providers will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed.

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RESOLUTION 4336E

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ACCEPT STATE NONPUBLIC AUXILIARY AND HANDICAPPED SERVICES (CHAPTERS 192 & 193) ENTITLEMENT FOR 2022-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts State Nonpublic Auxiliary Services (Chapter 192) and Handicapped Services (Chapter 193) Aid Entitlement Funds for 2022-2023 for a total amount of \$54,576.00 allocated as follows:

<u>NP Auxiliary Services</u>	<u>Rate/Pupil</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
*Compensatory Education	\$1,040.33	18	\$17,790.00	
*E.S.L.	\$1,055.00	0	\$0.00	
*Transportation	\$0	0	\$0.00	
Total Auxiliary Services				\$17,790.00
* Prorated at 90.00%				
<u>NP Handicapped Services</u>	<u>Rate/Pupil</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
*Initial Exam & Class.	\$1,326.17	10	\$13,262.00	
*Annual Exam & Class.	\$380.00	7	\$ 2,660.00	
*Corrective Speech	\$930.00	10	\$ 9,300.00	
*Supplemental Instruction	\$826.00	14	\$11,564.00	
Total Handicapped Services				\$36,786.00
TOTAL 192/193 Allocation				\$54,576.00
* Prorated at 100.00%				

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The New Jersey Department of Education provides aid to nonpublic schools to provide special pupil services. The public school district administers the funding.

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RESOLUTION 4336F

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RATES FOR BEYOND THE BELL AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following rates to be used for Beyond the Bell Afterschool Program:

- 6 week program \$125
- 7 week program \$145
- 8 week program \$165
- \$25 per student [if approved for reduced price lunch]
- FREE [if approved for free lunch]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Beyond The Bell Afterschool Program was created by the South Orange Maplewood School District's Parenting Center. Beyond the Bell is designed to help all students stretch and grow by coordinating, deepening and expanding after-school opportunities at the elementary level.

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RESOLUTION 4336G

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: RENEW TOWING AGREEMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL
YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education renews the agreement with Essex County Towing, of South Orange, New Jersey to provide towing services for vehicles illegally parked on District property for the 2022-2023 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This service will be provided at no cost to the District.

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RESOLUTION 4336H

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the agreement with NJ Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired of Newark, New Jersey, to provide services for district students who are visually impaired for the 2022-2023 school year at the following rates:

Level 1	\$2,200.00/year
Level 2	\$ 5,250.00/year
Level 3	\$14,600.00/year
Level 4	\$16,590.00/year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired provides services for classified students as per needs indicated in specific Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Level 1 services are based upon individual student needs as determined by the instructor and includes 4-8 lessons per school year; and Level 3 services are for students whom Braille will be their primary reading medium and includes 2-3 lessons per week.

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RESOLUTION 4336I

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE TUITION AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY
 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a tuition agreement with Essex County Vocational Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

Full Time:

Regular Education \$5,911.00 per student

Special Education \$9,104.00 per student

Shared Time:

Regular Education \$2,955.50 per student

Special Education \$4,552.00 per student

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently the district estimates the enrollment of 5 full time regular education students and 1 full time special education student totaling \$38,659.00. Tuition paid will be adjusted according to actual enrollment.

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RESOLUTION 4336J

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RESIDENCY INVESTIGATOR FEES FOR THE
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with The Adam Roselli Agency to conduct residency investigations and surveillances throughout the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per hour including mileage.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mr. Adam Roselli Agency will perform residency investigations and surveillances for the district as requested.

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RESOLUTION 4336K

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN SOCCP

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood School District desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP, effective, and that such membership shall for the period July 1, 2022 ending on June 30, 2023, and each renewal thereafter of the system, unless elects to formally withdraw from the system;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the agreement for such membership.

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RESOLUTION 4336L

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL
OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL IN SETH BOYDEN AND
TUSCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with Lilich Corporation, Inc. for Removal and Disposal of Asbestos Containing Materials in Seth Boyden and Tuscan Elementary Schools.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lilich Corporation	1	\$15,092.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Change order #1 is for a shift differential at Seth Boyden Elementary School and reduces the amount of the contingency.

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RESOLUTION 4336M

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF
ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN SOUTH MOUNTAIN
ELEMENTARY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with Unicorn Contracting for Removal and Disposal of Asbestos Containing Materials in South Mountain Elementary School.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Contingency Unicorn Contracting	1	\$11,025.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Change order #1 is for the removal of an additional layer of VAT performed at the unit price per contract and reduces the amount of the contingency.

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RESOLUTION 4336N

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF
ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN SOUTH MOUNTAIN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with Unicorn Contracting for Removal and Disposal of Asbestos Containing Materials in South Mountain Elementary School.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>New Contract Amount</u>
Unicorn Contracting	2	\$134,640.00	(\$11,415.00)	\$123,225.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The contract is complete. The change order is to reduce the balance of the contingency not utilized.

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RESOLUTION 43360

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN
 ANNEX SCHOOL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with G&P Parlamas, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to South Mountain and South Mountain Annex School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>New Contract Amount</u>
G&P Parlamas	6	\$19,081,092.00	\$154,340.00	\$19,236,232.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Change order #6 is for drainage repair issues at South Mountain Annex.

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RESOLUTION 4336P

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN
 ANNEX SCHOOL PROJECTS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with G&P Parlamas, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to South Mountain and South Mountain Annex School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Contingency G&P Parlamas	7	\$8,494.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Change order #7 is for storage of VUV units to avoid equipment delays and reduces the amount of the contingency.

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RESOLUTION 4336Q

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO CLINTON AND DELIA BOLDEN ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL (fma JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY) PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with DMD Contracting, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to Clinton and Delia Bolden (fma Jefferson Elementary) School Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Change Order Amount</u>	<u>New Contract Amount</u>
DMD Contracting, Inc.	8	\$22,410,000.00	\$87,177.82	\$22,497,177.82

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GA Change Order #8 is to furnish and install cement board underlayment at existing rooms where subfloor was concealed and increases the amount of the contract.

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RESOLUTION 4336R

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS AND
 ADDITIONS TO CLINTON AND DELIA BOLDEN ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL (fma JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY) PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with DMD Contracting, Inc. for Renovations and Additions to Clinton and Delia Bolden Elementary School (fma Jefferson Elementary) Projects.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Allowance (GA) DMD Contracting, Inc.	9	\$6,171.52

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GA change order# 9 includes the following and will increase the amount of the original contract: allowance included in the original contract:

- Clinton Elementary - OAF Louver (\$1,741.32)
- Delia Bolden Elementary - Wall Hydrant (\$731.04)
- Delia Bolden Elementary - Added HVAC split system (\$3,699.16)

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RESOLUTION 4336S

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing the Proposed Increases to the School Employees Health Benefits Program

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP), governed by *N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46 et seq.*, offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to participating school district employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SEHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SEHBP fund supplied by participating local employers and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SEHBP, the School Employees Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials, union representatives and a representative of the New Jersey School Boards Association, annually considers the calendar year premium levels for the Local Education Employee Group of the SEHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Education Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee has the responsibility for and authority over the various plans and components of the plans, including for medical benefits, prescription benefits, dental, vision, and any other health care benefits, offered and administered by the SEHBP; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires three members of the School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to be appointed by the Governor as representatives of public employers (i.e., local school districts) whose employees are enrolled in the program, but currently all such representatives are state-level appointees;

WHEREAS, the recommended rate changes for medical and prescription drug coverage for the Active 2023 Local Education Employer Group is 15.1%, which includes a 15.3% increase for active employees enrolled in NJ DIRECT 10/15 and a 14.9% increase for active employees enrolled in the NJ Educators Health Plan (NJEHP); and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer, as well as school employees, at a time where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, since employees enrolled the NJEHP pay a percentage of salary toward their health benefits per P.L.2020, c.44, commonly referred to as “Chapter 44”, any increase in NJEHP premiums will fall almost entirely upon local boards of education, placing a severe strain on their budgets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local school districts that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Orange and Maplewood School District in the county of Essex call upon the School Employees Health Benefits Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the South Orange and Maplewood School District in the county of Essex urge the Legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the School Employees Health Benefits Commission and the School Employees’ Health Benefits Plan Design Committee to include additional representatives from local school district management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Orange and Maplewood School District in the county of Essex urge the Legislature and executive branch to examine the impact that “Chapter 44” has had on school district budgets and to adopt legislation that will reverse any of its negative consequences and provide relief to those districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Cory Booker, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Assemblyman John McKeon, Jr., and the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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RESOLUTION 4336T

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
WESTED AND NEWSLA**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves a Memorandum of Understanding with WestEd of San Francisco, California to study student learning engagement. This study is funded by Newsela. The District and Newsela have entered into a separate agreement pertaining to the District's use of Newsela's platform and instructional content. This agreement is effective July 1, 2022 through September 16, 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This project is intended to develop initial measures of student learning engagement in reading tasks as described in appendix A.