

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2023**

RESOLUTION 4407

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION FROM THE SOUTH ORANGE MAPLEWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY
STATEWIDE SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK (NJ4S)**

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood School District Board of Education supports Family Connections applying to the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) in annualized funding to bring significant and new prevention and mental health services to Essex County public school students, their parents/guardians, and educators. This opportunity is part of a major statewide DCF initiative called the New Jersey Statewide Student Support Services Network (NJ4S).

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood School District Board of Education recognizes the need for prevention and mental health, wellness services since the pandemic. Family Connections has provided Maplewood Middle and Columbia High School (MMS-HUB & CHS-LOFT) students with services that include trauma-informed, culturally competent school based mental health services.

BE IT RESOLVED, the South Orange Maplewood School District Board of Education is committed to continue collaborative efforts with Family Connections in the success of NJ4S-Essex.