SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
November 30, 2023

RESOLUTION   **4545**

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **APPROVE EMERGENCY VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTIONAL**
PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2020, P.L. 2020, c. 57 was approved and codified under the already existing statute section N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 which permits a school district to implement a Commissioner-approved program of virtual or remote instruction in the event the school district is required to close a school or the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.

WHEREAS, In the event the above events apply, the Commissioner of Education shall allow the district to apply to the 180-day requirement established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, to allow one or more days of virtual or remote instruction provided to students on the day or days the schools of the district were closed and shall meet such criteria that is established by the Commissioner of Education.

WHEREAS, A day of virtual or remote instruction, if instituted under the district's Commissioner of Education's approved program of virtual or remote instruction, shall be considered the equivalent of a full day of school attendance for the purposes of meeting State and local graduation requirements, the awarding of course credit, and other such matters as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the District's Emergency Virtual or Remote Plan of Instruction for the 2023-24 school year.

EXPLANATION

Policy 2425 requires that the Superintendent submit an approved program of virtual or remote instruction to the Commissioner of Education by no later than July 31st and annually thereafter. Such plans will be made available to the school community and shall be posted on the District website.