

HAND CARRY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2025

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NO. 4748

**SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH
ORANGE-MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE RECOMMENDATION
FOR A LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR A TIER 4 CODE
OF CONDUCT OFFENSE - STUDENT# 6195578807**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, a long-term suspension hearing was held by a Committee of the Board regarding Student ID #6195578807; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange-Maplewood School District is committed to maintaining a safe and orderly educational environment for all students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the South Orange-Maplewood School District Code of Conduct establishes guidelines for student behavior and outlines disciplinary responses to violations; and

WHEREAS, the student in question has been found to have committed a Tier 4 offense as defined by the District's Code of Conduct, which includes the most serious violations that compromise the safety and well-being of the school community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in the District's policies and regulations, the administration has conducted a thorough review of the incident, provided the student with due process, and has recommended a suspension of forty five (45) school days as a consequence for the offense; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the evidence, findings, and recommendations presented by the administration and finds the recommended suspension to be appropriate and consistent with the established policies and disciplinary procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Orange-Maplewood School District hereby affirms and approves a twenty-four (24) day

suspension of the student for the Tier 4 Code of Conduct violation, which coincides with a return following the Spring Break; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided with written notification of this decision, along with any applicable rights to appeal in accordance with District policies and New Jersey state law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate educational services shall be provided to the student during the period of suspension, as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration shall continue to implement measures to reinforce a positive and safe school climate and take all necessary steps to prevent future occurrences of similar incidents.