

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2025

RESOLUTION 4801

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO SOMSD BOE POLICY 5120

WHEREAS, the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education recognizes the importance of gathering meaningful feedback from students, families, and staff to inform decisions related to district strategy, school supports, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 5120 outlines the implementation of the Experience Survey as a tool for collecting such feedback regarding the Intentional Integration Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to continuous improvement and regularly evaluating the effectiveness of its tools and practices; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of feedback mechanisms and exploring more effective and strategic approaches for collecting data to inform planning, policy development, and program implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education hereby waives the directive to the administration to conduct the Experience Survey for May 2025 under Board Policy 5120;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the administration’s efforts to identify and implement improved strategies for collecting and utilizing feedback to guide adjustments to district strategy, school supports, and professional development;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board will revisit this matter upon the conclusion of the District’s review and will consider any proposed updates to Board Policy 5120 that reflect new or revised approaches to gathering stakeholder input.