

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD NEW JERSEY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**May 29, 2025**

**RESOLUTION        4807A**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

1. March 2025 Board Secretary's Report
2. March 2025 Treasurer Report
3. April 2025 Transfer Reports
4. April 2025 Expense Account Adjustment Analyses
5. Check Register #200906 in the amount of \$1,708,561.14
6. Check Register #200905 in the amount of \$7,323,106.95 for April 2025 payroll
7. Voided checks 425444-425446 in the amount of \$3,655.20
8. Check Register #425447-425719 in the amount of \$\$7,434,907.07

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**RESOLUTION        4807B**

**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 March 31, 2025 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                    4807C**

**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:

<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b>
Jane Bean Folkes Columbia HS	IREL Conference	7/6/25- 7/10/25	Washington, DC	\$1,987.40
Melissa Butler Clinton School	ASCA 2025 Annual Conference	7/11/25- 7/15/25	Long Beach, CA	\$3,148.61
Eshaya Drayer Central Office	NJSPRA Spring 2025 National Seminar	7/19/25- 7/23/25	Washington, DC	\$1,799.20
Shannon Glander Seth Boyden	Core Knowledge National Conference	6/26/25- 6/28/25	Orlando, FL	\$2,574.63
Yves Norton Pierre Columbia HS	2025 AP Career Kickstart Summer Institute	6/22/25- 6/27/25	Houston, TX	\$2,280.52
Yves Norton Pierre Columbia HS	AP Computer Science Summer Institute	7/21/25- 7/24/25	Virtual	\$700.00
Ramon Robles Columbia HS	ELL Conference Innovative Schools	7/7/25- 7/11/25	Virtual	\$295.00
Ramon Robles Columbia HS	ASCD Leading Without Limits	6/29/25 7/02/25	Virtual	\$285.00
Donovan Smalls South Orange MS	The National Conference on School Leadership	7/11/25- 7/13/25	Seattle, WA	\$2,824.36
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12,746.11</b>

**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            4807D**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                APPROVE RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following provider(s) for the service indicated:

**2024-2025 School Year**

<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Speech and Hearing Associates Westfield, NJ	Central Auditory Processing Eval With Report	\$700.00
	Augmentative and Alternative Communication Evaluation with Report	\$900.00
	In-School Consultation (2hr. Min)	\$175.00/hour
	Virtual Consultation (no min)/per hour	\$160.00/hour
	Unlimited Communication with School Staff	NC

**2025-2026 School Year**

<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Rate</b>
123ABA, LLC Chatham, NJ	BCBA	\$125.00/hour
	Behavior Therapy	\$70/hour
Beautiful Mind Psychological Services, LLC Avenel, NJ	CST Initial and re-evaluation	\$425.00/eval
Best of You Therapy, Inc. Wayne, NJ	Speech Therapist	\$105/hour \$130/hour home based) \$425/eval

	Bilingual Therapist (PT, OT, SLP)	\$115/hour \$125/hour group \$130/hour (home based) \$625/eval
	Occupational Therapist	\$100/hour \$130/hour (home based) \$425/eval
	LDTC & Psychologist	\$95/hour \$110/hour (home based) \$425/eval
	ABA Therapist (BCBA)	\$100/hour \$135/hour (home based) \$425/eval
	RBT (Registered Behavior Technician)	\$90/hour \$110/hour (home based) \$300/eval
	Bilingual LDTC, Psych	\$100/hour \$105/hour group \$130/hour (home based) \$625/eval
	Physical Therapist	\$105/hour \$130/hour (home based) \$425/eval
Demonte Therapy Services Millstone Township NJ	Physical Therapy	\$100.00/session
Grace Medical Group West Orange, NJ	Psychiatric Evaluation Services	\$1500.00/session
Homecare Therapies, LLC Dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing Manalapan, NJ	RNs – Health Office Coverage/ Field Trips	\$72.00/hour
	RNs – Certified School Nurse	\$85.00/hour
	RNs – 1:1	\$80.00/hour
	Specialty RN – 1:1	\$84.00/ hour

	LPNs – 1:1 Skilled Nursing	\$65.00/hour
	LPNs Nurse Specialty	\$68.00/hour
	Student Transportation ONLY (2-hour minimum each way)	\$90.00/hour
	RN – Overnight School Trips	\$72.00/hour (7:30 am – lights out) \$10.00/hour (lights out - 7:30 a.m.)
	RN Visit (dispense meds)	\$125.00 per visit
	RN In-Service/Consulting	\$156.00/hour
	Nurse Practitioner	\$96.00/hour
	CNAs	\$40.00/hour
	Physical/Speech/Occupational Therapy	\$120.00/hour
	Paraprofessionals/Health Aides/ Instructional Aides	\$36.80/hour
	Paraprofessionals with Sub- Certification	\$40.00/hour
	ABA Paraprofessionals	\$42.00/hour
	Registered Behavioral Technicians	\$42.00/hour
	LMSW	\$59.00/hour
	LCSW	\$75.00/hour
	School Certified LCSW	\$80.00/hour
	LDTC	\$96.00/hour
	ABA	\$126.00/90 min
Creative Speech Solutions, LLC Summit, NJ	CSS Clinic-Based/ABA Centers Speech/Feeding/Occupational Therapy Services	\$97.00/30 min \$136.00/45 min \$190.00/60 min

	CSS Clinic-Based/ABA Centers AAC Therapy Services	\$115.00/30 min \$170.00/45 min \$220.00/60 min
	Independent/Out of District Evaluations and Specialized Assessments	\$1100-\$1450/eval
	AAC System Review	\$850.00
	AAC Training	\$250.00
	Speech-Language Evaluations	\$550-\$850/eval
	Feeding Evaluations	\$500-\$600/eval
	Full Comprehensive Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$550-\$650/eval
	Occupational or Speech Therapy Diagnostic Consultations	\$300.00
	Occupational or Speech/AAC Therapy Treatment Plan	\$75.00
	Occupational or Speech Progress Reports	\$75.00
	Independent IEP/CST Parent Meetings	Billed at typical Office hours rate OOD cases
	Professional Development Trainings	Priced dependent on time and subject
	Independent/Out of District Evaluations requiring travel	\$50.00-\$100.00 Depending on mileage
NJ Neurology, Inc. Romana Kulikova, MD Garwood, NJ	Neurological/Neurodevelopmental Evaluations	\$650.00
Donna Merchant dba Educational Audiology Resources, LLC Brick, NJ	Audiologic Evaluation with Tympanometry	\$350.00
	Central Auditory Processing w/AE	\$850.00
	Classroom Acoustic Evaluation (per Classroom)	\$1,250.00
	Classroom Observation for Auditory Interventions	\$700.00

	FM/DM Amplification Evaluation w/o A/E/Functional Assessment & Electroacoustic Verification between equipment A/E not included	\$600.00
	Functional Hearing Aid/CI/BAHS Evaluation with Electroacoustic Verification between equipment A/E not included	\$650.00
	Educational Audiologist	\$195.00/hour
	Report/Record Review	\$350.00
	Half Day Workshop (3.5 hours)	\$900.00
	Full Day Workshop (6 hours)	\$2,500.00
	Custom Ear Molds for Hearing Aids	\$350.00/pair \$175.00/each
Pirelli Clinical and Forensic Psychology, LLC (PCFP) Verona, NJ	Psychological Evaluations	Fee is case dependent \$2500/eval Avg.
SMPLY OT, LLC Bloomfield, NJ	Occupational Therapy Evaluation	(10 mile radius from 07003) \$375.00/eval
	Occupational Therapy	\$250.00/60 min \$220.00/45 min \$200.00/30 min
	Occupational Therapy Evaluation	(15 mile radius from 07003) \$400.00/eval
	Occupational Therapy	\$270.00/60 min \$240.00/45 min \$220.00/30 min
Speech and Hearing Associates Westfield, NJ	Central Auditory Processing Eval With Report	\$700.00
	Comprehensive Peripheral Audiological Evaluation with Report	\$350.00
	Hearing Aid Evaluation with Report	\$450.00
	Speech-Language Evaluation with report	\$650.00
	Bilingual Speech-Language Evaluation with Report	\$850.00
	Language Processing Evaluation with Report	\$950.00



	Augmentative and Alternative Communication Evaluation with Report	\$900.00
	Speech Language Therapy/Session	\$90.00 (30 min)
		\$137.50 (45 min)
		\$180.00 (1 hour)
	In-School Consultation (2hr. Min)	\$175.00/hour
	Virtual Consultation (no min)/per hour	\$160.00/hour
	Unlimited Communication with School Staff	NC
Summit Speech School New Providence, NJ	Teacher of the Deaf	\$225.00/session
Therapy Source Plymouth Meeting, PA	Psychology Services	\$91.90/hour
	Speech Language Pathology Services	\$94.90/hour
	LDTC Services	\$91.90/hour
	Occupational Therapy Services	\$91.90/hour
	COTA Services	\$74.90/hour
	Physical Therapy Services	\$97.90/hour
	SSW Services	\$79.90/hour
	Counseling Services	\$79.90/hour
	BCBA Services	\$127.90/hour
	RBT Services	\$57.90/hour
	ABA/Para/1:1 Services	\$47.50/hour
United Therapy Solutions Fanwood, NJ	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, LDTC	\$90.00/hour
	Psychology, Social Worker	\$80.00/hour
	BCBA	\$100.00/hour

	<b>Out of District</b>	
	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy	\$90.00/30 min
	Psychology, Social Worker	\$80.00/30 min
	BCBA	\$100.00/30 min
	<b>Home Care</b>	
	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy	\$180.00/hour
	BCBA	\$180.00/hour
	<b>Evaluations:</b>	
	OT, PT Evaluations	\$375.00
	Speech Evaluation	\$450.00
	Psychology Evaluation	\$650.00
	Social Work Evaluation	\$750.00
	BCBA Evaluation	\$1,000.00
	<b>Bilingual Evaluations:</b>	
	Speech Evaluation	\$650.00
	LDTC Evaluation	\$750.00
	Psychology Evaluation	\$650.00
	Social Work Evaluation	\$750.00
	BCBA Evaluation	\$1,000.00

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The providers will perform services and/or evaluations for students as needed. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 18A:4-1, et seq., the Board is permitted to enter into professional service contracts without the necessity of public bidding.

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**RESOLUTION        4807E**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            APPROVES USE OF VENDORS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the use of the following vendors in excess of the \$44,000 for the 2024-2025 school year:

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>TYPE OF VENDOR</b>
IXL Learning Inc.	Curriculum Licensing	Other

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Board is required to approve spending authority above \$44,000 for items not awarded by public bidding. Copyrighted materials and vendors on co-op and state contract are exempt from public bidding.

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**RESOLUTION      4807F**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPLY FOR NJEIF 2025-2026 NJSIG SAFETY GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an application to the North Jersey Educational Insurance Fund (NJEIF) for the NJSIG grant in the amount of \$7,144.00 to be used for building safety improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The North Jersey Educational Insurance Fund developed a formula to equitably distribute grant funds to qualifying districts. The 2025-26 safety grant will support building safety improvements.

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**RESOLUTION      4807G**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**                AWARD FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR  
2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education “SFA” approves the renewal of the contract for Food Service Management to The Pomptonian, Inc. “FSMC” for the food service operation for 2025-2026.

1. FSMC Fee:

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$125,520.00 to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be included as a cost of operation and billed in 10 monthly installments of \$12,552.00 per month. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

2. There is no guarantee financial performance

3. Total Estimated Cost of Contract:

Total estimated expenses (cost) include food, labor, supplies, other expenses and FSMC management fee.

Total Estimated Cost of Contract \$2,322,221.30.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT meals will be priced at the following schedule:

<u>School Level</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Reduced Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Variable Lunch</u>	<u>Reduced Lunch</u>
Elementary School	\$2.00	\$0.30	\$3.25	N/A	\$0.40
Middle School	\$2.25	\$0.30	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$0.40
High School	\$2.50	\$0.30	\$3.75	\$4.25	\$0.40

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The management fee represents an increase of 2.5% from the 2024-2025 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807H**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**                RENEW CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM SERVICES FOR THE  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with Fire Security Technologies of Lebanon, New Jersey for Fire Alarm Services for the 2025-2026 School Year in the amount of \$7,560.00 and for services outside of the scope at the following rates:

\$165.00 Hourly Rate  
\$247.00 Overtime Rate

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42 and it reflects a 0% increase from last year. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807I**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                RENEW CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with Simaren Corp. dba Wisdom Protective Services of Westbury, New York for Security Services for the 2025-2026 school year at the following rates:

- Security Guard Hourly Rate                \$23.99/hour
- Lead Guard Hourly Rate                    \$31.66/hour

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42 and it reflects a 3.57% increase from last year. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807J**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                RENEW CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING REPAIR SERVICES FOR  
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with United Welding of Caldwell, New Jersey for Plumbing Repair Services for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$107.95 per hour for Mechanic and \$37.74 per hour for Mechanic's Helper, plus the cost of parts and materials.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42 and it reflects a 3.57% increase from last year. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-26 school year.



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**RESOLUTION        4807K**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                RENEW CONTRACT FOR HVAC AND REFRIGERATION  
REPAIR SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with Kelin Heating and Air Conditioning of Colonia, NJ for HVAC and refrigeration Repair services for the 2025-2026 at following rates plus the cost of materials:

Mechanic:	\$77.09 per hour
Mechanic Helper:	\$30.83 per hour

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42 and it reflects a 0% increase from last year. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807L**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                RENEW CONTRACT FOR PARAPROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with ESS Support Services, LLC for Paraprofessional Services for the 2025-2026 school year at the following hourly rates:

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|--|---------|
| ● Hourly Permanent Paraprofessional I                        | \$30.99 |
| ● Hourly Permanent Paraprofessional II                       | \$32.57 |
| ● Diapering Stipend (per diem)                               | \$ 8.44 |
| ● Hourly Substitute Paraprofessional                         | \$19.20 |
| ● Paid Personal Illness Time –<br>Hourly Paraprofessional I  | \$29.75 |
| ● Paid Personal Illness Time –<br>Hourly Paraprofessional II | \$31.26 |

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807M**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            RENEW CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education renews the contract with Ahera Consultants, of Oceanville, NJ for environmental testing during the 2025-2026 school at the rate of \$95.00 per hour plus the cost of parts and materials.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This is the second renewal of the 2023-2024 contract per 18A:18A-42 and it reflects a 2.15% increase from last year. These services have been budgeted for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**RESOLUTION        4807N**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE  
CHAPTER 192/193 SERVICES TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL  
STUDENTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to provide eligible students in South Orange and Maplewood nonpublic schools with the following services: Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Home Instruction, Supplementary Instruction, Speech-Language, and Evaluation and Determination of Eligibility at a per student rate established by the New Jersey Department of Education.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under P.L. 192-193 we receive 100% state funding to cover the cost of these services to students in South Orange and Maplewood private and parochial schools. As a local education agency, we serve as the conduit through which the services listed above are provided by state law to students in private and parochial schools.

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**RESOLUTION        48070**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR NON-PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS NURSING SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL  
YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education agrees to enter into a contract with the Essex Regional Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year to provide nursing services to non-public schools located in South Orange and Maplewood at an amount not to exceed the amount of state funding received for these services.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, we are required to provide nursing services to non-public schools located in South Orange and Maplewood consistent with the amount of state funding that we receive for this purpose.

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**RESOLUTION        4807P**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR IDEA-B  
SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for IDEA-B Services for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for the proportionate share of non-public IDEA-B funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Essex Regional Educational Services Commission will provide services for classified students attending non-public schools in the district as per needs indicated in specific Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

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**RESOLUTION        4807Q**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE  
CHILD STUDY TEAM SERVICES FOR 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide Child Study Team Services to students in the South Orange Maplewood School District for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at the following rates:

Social Assessment	\$486.20
Educational Evaluation	\$486.20
Psychological Evaluation	\$486.20
Speech Evaluations	\$486.20
Bilingual Evaluations	\$607.75
Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$546.98
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$546.98

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LDTC	\$151.94
Social Worker	\$151.94
School Psychologist	\$151.94

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

These services will be provided on an as-needed basis only.

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**RESOLUTION        4807R**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX REGIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO PROVIDE  
PUBLIC HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR 2025-2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education enters into an agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide Public Home Instruction Services for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$66.87 per hour.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Essex Regional Educational Services Commission will perform this service for students as needed.



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**RESOLUTION        4807S**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SETON HALL  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE,  
AND MEDIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an affiliation agreement with Seton Hall University, College of College of Human Development, Culture, And Media Department of Educational Studies for the purposes of providing clinical experience or clinical practice for University Students in related degree programs for the period August 25, 2024 through August 24, 2027.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The purpose of this this clinical affiliation agreement is to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations of the University and the District.

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**RESOLUTION        4807T**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE ACADEMIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves an Academic Services agreement with Montclair State University, to permit the University to assign faculty to teach MSU Course Curriculum to district staff enrolled in the MSU Educational Leadership Programs to obtain Administrative Certification for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The purpose of this agreement is to establish the terms and conditions between Montclair State University and the District.

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**RESOLUTION**        **4807U**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            **ACCEPT DONATIONS TO MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education accepts donations to Marshall Elementary School in the amount of \$831.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following budget is increased and the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to administer it:

20-046-200-890-MR-5900	Marshall School	\$831.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute and deliver any necessary contracts and reports on behalf of the Board.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

These generous donations were made on behalf of New York Life and its donors via the Blackbaud Giving Fund, Your Cause to support Marshall Elementary School.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**May 29, 2025**

**RESOLUTION        4807V**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT TUITION STUDENT**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes the enrollment of Student #8357701460 for the 2025-2026 school year through June 30, 2026, on the basis of tuition, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the tuition contract.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The tuition rate for student will be approved/established at the May 29, 2025 public meeting. The rate is determined by using the state formula as per N.J.A.C. 6:20-3.1.

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**RESOLUTION        4807W**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            ESTABLISH 2025-2026 TUITION RATES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education establishes 2025-2026 tuition rates as listed below:

Grades 9-12	\$ 18,018.00
Grades 6-8	\$ 18,545.00
Grades 1-5	\$ 17,221.00
Pre-K/Kindergarten	\$ 16,602.00
Autism	\$ 10,209.00
Emotional Regulation Impairment	\$ 10,209.00
Learning and/or Language Disabilities	\$ 55,077.00
Multiple Disabilities	\$120,390.00
Preschool Disabilities	\$ 60,883.00
Emotional Regulation Impairment	\$ 10,209.00

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The tuition rates have been determined by using the state formula as per N.J.A.C. 6:20-3.1 and are at the maximum.

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**RESOLUTION        4807X**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**                APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RENOVATIONS TO MAPLEWOOD  
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SOUTH ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following change order to the contract with The Bennett Company, Inc. for Renovations to Maplewood Middle School and South Orange Middle School.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Bennett Company	13	\$15,749.00 (contract increase)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Change order #13 will address:

- Additional roof scupper repair
- Bond costs for additional scope
- Fire alarm and steam leak repairs
- Signage revisions

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**RESOLUTION        4807Y**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            Approve Shared Services and Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the  
Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC)

WHEREAS, the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education recognizes the need for collaboration with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) to enhance educational opportunities and operational efficiencies within the district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with ERESA to facilitate the sharing of various services that will benefit students and staff, including, but not limited to, educational services, staffing, operational services, and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that all specific arrangements regarding shared services must be approved by the Superintendent of the district and aligned with the policies of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to establish a framework for the sharing of these services to maximize resources, improve educational outcomes, and reduce costs associated with the provision of services; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to formalize this collaborative effort through a shared services agreement as well as a cooperative purchasing agreement with ERESA; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative purchasing agreement will allow the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education to pool its buying power with other member districts, obtaining better prices and terms on goods and services, thus enhancing the efficiency of procurement processes and reducing expenditures; and

WHEREAS, shared services agreements will outline the specific services to be shared, performance expectations, costs, and other terms, aiming to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance service quality across a variety of functions, including IT, HR, finance, and operations; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of establishing shared services agreements and cooperative purchasing arrangements include:

- Cost Savings: By sharing resources and leveraging collective buying power, the district can achieve significant savings on operational costs.

- Efficiency Improvements: Streamlining services can reduce duplication of efforts and foster more efficient use of resources, allowing the district to focus on its core educational mission.
- Enhanced Service Quality: Collaboration can lead to the development of best practices and improved service delivery, ultimately benefiting students and staff.
- Increased Access to Resources: Sharing services can provide the district access to specialized staff and services that may not be feasible individually due to budget constraints.
- Strengthened Community Ties: Collaboration with ERESA fosters a sense of community and shared commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education approves the utilization of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to explore and implement shared services agreements and cooperative purchasing agreements as outlined above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education will engage in discussions with ERESA to outline the specific terms of the shared services agreement and cooperative purchasing agreement, with the intent to present a formal proposal for approval to the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education will ensure that all arrangements comply with applicable laws and regulations and are subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.



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**RESOLUTION        4807Z**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:            AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO GEMZ SOLUTIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education hereby authorizes payment to Gemz Solutions, of Leonardo, NJ in the amount of \$ 28,275.00, which represents 65% of the original invoice amount.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This payment is for additional work performed by Gemz Solutions on the 2024-25 Master Schedule.

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**RESOLUTION      4807AA**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:**            APPROVE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR  
FY2025 ESEA GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the submission of an amendment application for FY2025 ESEA grant funds in the amount of \$3,490.00.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This amendment being submitted to reallocate funds for kindergarten classroom supplies.