

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2026

RESOLUTION **4916**

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL
YEAR**

WHEREAS, the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education (“Board”) is charged under N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1 et seq. with providing a thorough and efficient system of public education and establishing the instructional program of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools and administrative staff have developed the Columbia High School Program of Studies for the 2026–2027 school year, which sets forth course offerings, graduation requirements, and academic pathways consistent with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, applicable statutes, and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Program of Studies reflects the District’s educational goals, curricular priorities, staffing considerations, and the needs and interests of students enrolled at Columbia High School; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Program of Studies and finds it to be educationally sound and consistent with the District’s mission and statutory obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education hereby approves the Columbia High School Program of Studies for the 2026–2027 school year, as presented by the Superintendent of Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, is authorized to implement the approved Program of Studies and to make such non-substantive administrative adjustments as may be necessary to ensure compliance with law, regulation, scheduling needs, and student enrollment patterns, provided that any substantive changes shall be brought to the Board for review and approval.