

HAND CARRY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2026

RESOLUTION 4948

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: SOUTH ORANGE–MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION DECLINING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOLLOWING LONG–TERM SUSPENSION
HEARING**

WHEREAS, the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to maintaining a safe and orderly educational environment for all students and staff in accordance with district policy and New Jersey statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Student ID# 5374714081 (“the Student”) was subject to disciplinary action resulting in a recommendation for a forty–five (45) day suspension from the South Orange–Maplewood School District; and

WHEREAS, a long–term suspension hearing was held on March 18, 2026 before a committee of the Board, during which the administration presented information supporting the disciplinary action and the Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) were provided an opportunity to respond; and

WHEREAS, the Board committee carefully reviewed all testimony, evidence, and information presented at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the full record, the Board has determined that modification of the disciplinary action is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education hereby declines to implement the administration’s decision to impose a forty–five (45) day suspension for Student ID# 5374714081; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes and affirms the period of suspension already served by the Student as disciplinary action under the circumstances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student shall be permitted to return to school effective immediately, or on a date determined appropriate by the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution, including facilitating the Student's reentry and ensuring appropriate supports are in place.