

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

**RESOLUTION            4949**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                HIB APPEAL 298923\_TES\_10312025**

**WHEREAS**, the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to providing a safe and supportive educational environment free from harassment, intimidation, and bullying (“HIB”) in accordance with the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Act and district policy; and

**WHEREAS**, an investigation was conducted regarding an allegation of harassment, intimidation, and bullying involving Student ID# 7945576367, identified as HIB Appeal No. 298923\_TES\_10312025; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the investigation determined that the alleged incident did not meet the statutory criteria for HIB and was therefore found to be unfounded; and

**WHEREAS**, an appeal of this determination was filed, and a hearing was held on March 23, 2026 before a committee of the Board, during which all relevant information, reports, and testimony were reviewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board committee carefully considered the findings of the investigation, the applicable legal standards, and all information presented at the appeal hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the determination that the alleged HIB incident was unfounded was made in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and established procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Orange–Maplewood Board of Education hereby upholds the determination that HIB Appeal No. 298923\_TES\_10312025 involving Student ID# 7945576367 is unfounded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution and ensure compliance with all applicable laws and policies.