

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION 5026

SUBJECT: BOARD GOALS FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education approve the following Board Goals for the 2026–2027 school year as presented, and as augmented by the document of subgoals, measurable outcomes, and mid-year targets that have been created by the District:

Goal 1: Student Achievement Oversight – The Board will strengthen its governance oversight of student achievement, equity, and student success by establishing a consistent framework for monitoring progress toward Board-approved District goals and ensuring that the Board receives timely, meaningful, and actionable information regarding student outcomes, achievement and opportunity gaps, and the effectiveness of District initiatives across student groups. The Board will use this information to inform policy, priorities, resource allocation, and future goal-setting.

Goal 2: Governance Effectiveness – The Board will strengthen its effectiveness as a governing body by improving communication, onboarding and Board development, committee structure and operations, collective Board deliberation, and accountability for Board goals and priorities. The Board will maintain clear structures and processes that support effective oversight, informed decision-making, and alignment of Board work with Board-approved goals and priorities.

Goal 3: Strategic Stewardship – The Board will strengthen long-term stewardship of District resources through disciplined financial oversight, long-range facilities planning, personnel oversight, and clear public communication regarding priorities, tradeoffs, and results. The Board will work collaboratively with the Superintendent and administration to ensure that resources are aligned with Board-approved goals and priorities and that the Board receives the information necessary to make informed, sustainable decisions.