

HAND CARRY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2026

RESOLUTION 5041

FOR ACTION

**SUBJECT: AFFIRMATION OF SUPERINTENDENT’S DETERMINATION REGARDING HIB
INVESTIGATION REPORT #309469_CHS_05122026**

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2026 an HIB appeal hearing was conducted by a designated Committee of the Board of Education regarding Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigation Report #309469_CHS_05122026, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e) and Board Policy 5512; and

WHEREAS, during the hearing, the Committee received and reviewed testimony, evidence, and investigative findings from the School Anti-Bullying Specialist (ABS), the Building Principal/Designee, and the parent(s)/guardian(s) appearing on behalf of Student #3995948003; and

WHEREAS, the Committee thoroughly evaluated the investigative record, witness statements, and applicable legal criteria under the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented its findings and recommendations to the full Board of Education during closed executive session, and the Board has fully deliberated upon the record and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby AFFIRMS the determination of the Superintendent of Schools that incident #309469_CHS_05122026 **did not** constitute Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) under N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14 and Board Policy 5512 as to Student #3995948003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is directed to provide prompt written notice of this determination to all parties, including formal notice of their statutory right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(e).