

**HAND CARRY**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NJ  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2026**

**FOR ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4962**

**SUBJECT: HIB APPEAL # 30126\_MMS\_1215025**

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2026, an HIB appeal hearing was held by a Committee of the Board in closed session involving a Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying matter HIB Report # 30126\_MMS\_1215025;

**WHEREAS**, at the hearing, the Board heard from the Anti-Bullying Specialist, the Principal and the parents who filed the appeal on behalf of their child; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee carefully considered the relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has made a recommendation to the full Board during the executive portion of its April 23, 2026 Board meeting, and the Board has carefully considered the matter and the recommendation of the Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby overturns the Administration's determination, and finds that incident # 30126\_MMS\_1215025 DID NOT constitute HIB within the meaning of New Jersey's statute and the Board's policy on Harassment/ Intimidation/Bullying as to Student #3211013369; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby reverses the Administration's findings, and directs the Administration to update the records in HIBster and SSDS to reflect the finding of non-substantiated HIB; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Administration will take appropriate supportive, restorative, remedial action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary is further directed to notify all individuals affected by this decision of the Board's determination.