

**HAND CARRY**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**May 4, 2026**

**RESOLUTION            4965**

**FOR ACTION**

**SUBJECT:                RESOLUTION AFFIRMING HIB DETERMINATION**  
**-#301206\_MMS\_12152025**

WHEREAS, the South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education ("Board") is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from harassment, intimidation, and bullying ("HIB"), consistent with the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, a determination was made regarding HIB #301206\_MMS\_12152025 following the District's investigation and required procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Board received a request for appeal of the Superintendent's determination in this matter; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the Board conducted a HIB Appeal hearing, during which the Board Committee reviewed the record, considered the findings, and heard all relevant presentations in accordance with applicable law and Board policy; and

WHEREAS, following the appeal hearing, the Board Committee provided its recommendation to the full Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the complete record, including the investigation report, findings, appeal materials, and the recommendation of the Board Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orange-Maplewood School District hereby affirms the determination in HIB Case #301206\_MMS\_12152025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and District administration are directed to proceed in accordance with applicable policies, regulations, and law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is authorized to transmit this decision to the appropriate parties as required.