

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2024**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NO. 4708

SUBJECT: HIB APPEAL #265353_CHS_05052024

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2024 an HIB appeal hearing was held by a Committee of the Board in closed session involving a Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying matter HIB Report #265353_CHS_05052024;

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 December 19, 2024 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 #265353_CHS_05052024 DID NOT constitute HIB within the meaning of New Jersey's statute and the Board's policy on Harassment/ Intimidation/Bullying as to Student #8920336418; 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.