

## SOMSD Action Planning Teams

Strategy	Members	Affiliation
We will redesign curriculum, instruction and assessment to support learner-centered environments (e.g. reimagining seat-time, multiple pathways, competency standards).	Susan Grierson, Co-Chair	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, SOMSD; Community Member
	Jennifer Serravallo, Co-Chair	Parent; Author; Literacy Consultant
	Melissa Comerchero	Parent; Math Educator
	Angela Forero	Parent; Teacher, South Orange Middle School
	Margaret Freedson	Parent; Professor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Literacy Education at Montclair State University
	Lynn Irby	Principal, South Orange Middle School
	Andrew Lee	Parent; Editor (Public Policy, Parenting and Education)
	Rachel Potts	Teacher, South Mountain Elementary School
	Marisa Stoessel	Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School
	Scott Stornetta, Ph.D.	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Nic Vitale	Parent; Instructional Specialist Supporting STEM Education in NYC Schools

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<p>We will develop multiple supports for students to thrive in a learner-centered environment (e.g. mentoring program, peer leadership, individualized academic/emotional support, transitional services, restorative practices and guidance in pursuit of their passions).</p>	Marc Gold, Co-Chair	Assistant Principal, Maplewood Middle School
	Karen Weiland, Co-Chair	Director of SOMSD Parenting Center; Elementary School Social Worker and Field Supervisor, SOMSD
	Ann Bodnar	Principal, Clinton Elementary School
	Brenda Ehlers	Parent; Children/Youth Pastor; Developer of After School Programming
	Nikolin Eyrich	Parent; Educator
	Kate Facto	Parent; Teacher, Special Education; Certified School Counselor
	Valerie Frost	Parent; School Social Worker
	Sabine Hack, M.D.	Parent; Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
	Marcia Hicks	Guidance Counselor & Advisor to MAC Scholars, Columbia High School
	Jenny Lindstrom	Parent; SEPAC President; Nonprofit Consultant
	Tamara Steckler	Parent; Attorney-in-Charge of The Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division in NYC

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We will work with students to redefine their role as active and engaged contributors to the learning experience of their schools and community.	Nina Kambili, Co-Chair	CHS Student, Student Representative to the Board of Education
	Kerith Lewis, Co-Chair	Parent; Professional Educator
	Rhea Beck	Community Member
	Erendira Casella	Parent
	Toshie Davis	Parent; PTA President of Marshall School; Chief Financial and Administrative Officer at Turnaround for Children
	Nini Heriveaux	CHS Student, MAC Scholar
	Julia Leider	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Vanessa Proietto	Teacher, Marshall School
	Stephanie Rivera	Teacher, South Orange Middle School
	Erica Schwartz-Hall	Parent; Homeschool Parent Leadership Coach
	Sonya Selig	Parent, Special Education PTO Executive Committee
	Philip Stern	In-House Counsel, SOMSD

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<p>We will provide ongoing, differentiated and relevant professional development to grow teachers and administrators to theorize, critique, examine, and explore in order to engage every student in a learner-centered environment.</p>	Mara Rubin, Co-Chair	Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, SOMSD
	Jane Bleasdale, Ph.D., Co-Chair	Parent; SEPAC Executive Committee Member; Educational Administrator/Consultant
	Barry Bullis	Parent; Education Administrator, NYC Department of Education; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Pace University.
	Sean Butkus	Parent
	Thandi Center	Parent, NYC Director, New Teacher Center
	Berit Gordon	Parent; Literacy Consultant
	Donna Grohman	Community Member; Instructional Specialist Language Arts K-5, SOMSD; Trustee, South Orange Public Library
	Joyce Leslie	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Line Marshall	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Maureen O’Sullivan	Teacher, Maplewood Middle School
	Julia Sommer	Parent; Teacher Trainer and Instructional Coach
Kirsten Widmer-Brash	Parent; Literacy Consultant	

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We will infuse cultural competency in every aspect of our learning community.	Walter Fields, Co-Chair	Parent; Journalist; SoMa Black Parents Workshop
	Ramon Robles-Fernandez, Ph.D., Co-Chair	Supervisor of World Languages and ELL, SOMSD
	Nancy Gagnier	Parent; Executive Director, Community Coalition on Race
	Bibi Hayakawa	Parent; Member, Schools Committee, South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race
	Cheryl Hewitt	Assistant Principal, Columbia High School
	Karen Wisham Hudson	Parent; Business Consultant
	Katerina Karis	Teacher, South Orange Middle School
	Thora Lee	Parent; Attorney, Mediator and Arbitrator
	Laura Prato	Social Worker, Columbia High School
	Amelia Nickles Riekenberg	Parent; Collaborative Attorney/Practitioner and Mediator; PTA Co-President of Seth Boyden
	John Sarantakis	Parent of Marshall Students
	Erin Siders	Parent; Member of SEPAC Executive Committee
	Eric Stoudemire	Social Worker, Tuscan Elementary School

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We will partner with families in support of student growth.	Devyani Guha, Co-Chair	Parent; Urban Planner, Collective for Community Culture and Environment
	Kimberly Hutchinson, Co-Chair	Principal, Jefferson Elementary School
	Mike Barnett, Ph.D.	Parent; Professor of Strategic Management at Rutgers Business School
	Courtney DeVomecourt	Parent; Teacher, South Mountain Elementary School
	Amy Forman	Parent; Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program Coordinator
	Irene Langlois	Parent; Head of Teen Services for Maplewood Memorial Library; Co-Chair of Achieve Foundation's STEAM Committee
	Lara Pennington	Parent; Adjunct Writing Professor at Seton Hall Law School and University of Pennsylvania Law School
	Thelma Ramsey	Parent; Professional Educator
	Alison Steiner	Parent; Social Worker, South Orange Middle School
	Lynn Stradford, Ed.D.	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Lorraine Sudol, M.A. & M.Ed.	Parent; Family/Child Therapist; Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School

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We will reimagine and redesign all aspects of student scheduling, use of facilities and administrative structures to guarantee alignment with mission.	Kevin Walston, Co-Chair	Assistant Superintendent for Administration, SOMSD
	Allan Tumolillo, Co-Chair	Community Member; Teacher, Columbia High School; Member, Board of Trustees of Achieve Foundation, CHS Cougar Boosters, CHS Scholarship Fund
	Howard Fineman	Parent; Professional Educator
	Jennifer Giordano, Ed.D.	Director of Guidance, SOMSD
	Jamie Gulotta	Teacher, Maplewood Middle School
	Melanie Hochberg Giger	Parent; Former NYU professor, Professional Educator and Instructional Designer
	Jennifer Latimer	Parent; Teacher and Media Specialist, Clinton Elementary School
	Michelle Lederman	Parent; Former NYU professor, Professional Educator and Instructional Designer
	Elissa Malespina	Parent; Author; Teacher and Media Specialist; and Former CHS and SOMS Media Specialist
	Aileen Nicoletti, Ph.D.	Parent; Co-Chair of Achieve Foundation's STEAM Committee
	Bonita Samuels	Parent; Principal, Marshall Elementary School

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We will maximize community expertise and external resources to provide multiple pathways for student and professional growth and learning.	Peri Smilow, Ed.M., Co-Chair	Parent, Singer/Songwriter, Community Educator
	Terry Woolard, Co-Chair	Assistant Principal, Columbia High School
	Barbara Cokorinos	Parent; Administrator/Adjunct Teacher, NYU, Tisch School of the Arts; Co-President, CHS Music Parents' Association
	Yolande Fleming	Teacher, Clinton Elementary School
	Renee Joyce	Director of Montrose Early Childhood Center
	Kris Knutsen, M.A.	Parent
	Judy LoBianco	Supervisor of Health, Physical Education and Nursing Services
	Maggie Marotta	Parent; Professional Educator
	Robin Burns Saunders	Parent; Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer for the Innovation Studio of Manhattanville, Inc.
	Mauri Solages	Parent; Corporate Giving Professional; Board Member of AmeriCorps Organization
Marcy Thompson	Parent; Chair, Maplewood Arts Council; Director of Studio B	



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<p>We will engage in robust, open, ongoing and transparent communications with all students, families, staff and community members to generate understanding, excitement, trust and support of our school community and its transformation.</p>	Audrey Rowe, Co-Chair	Community Leader; Past Parent; and Program Director of Community Coaliti
	Suzanne Turner, Co-Chair	Parent; Director of Strategic Communications, SOMSD
	Susie Adamson	Parent; Presidents' Council Co-President; Real Estate Agent
	Kristin Barber	Teacher, Columbia High School
	Paul Bartick	Parent; Communication Consultant
	Amanda Eigen	Parent; Librarian at Maplewood Memorial Library
	Jake Ezzo	Teacher, South Orange Middle School
	Sara Goetz	Parent; Attorney
	Lauren Freedman	Parent; Psychologist; Biostatistician
	Ronni Mandell	Parent; NYU Marketing/Communications Director
Shayna Sackett-Gable	Parent; Teacher, Seth Boyden Elementary School	