

Chronology

- October 10, 2014: The ACLU, ACLU-NJ and the UCLA Civil Rights Project files a civil rights complaint against the South Orange-Maplewood School District with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) alleging discriminatory practices leading to racial disparities in advanced-level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses and student discipline.
- October 28, 2014: The South Orange-Maplewood School District signs a Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) committing to addressing racial disparities in advanced-level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses and student discipline.
- January 8, 2015: The Black Parents Workshop organizes a fact-finding trip to South Side High School in Rockville Centre, Long Island to examine its advanced-level course structure and academic support systems.
- August 29, 2015: Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education President Wayne Eastman concerning the district's lack of progress in complying with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Resolution Agreement.
- September 2, 2015: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education President Wayne Eastman criticizing his 'contract for choice' proposal as inadequate to address the historic and systemic exclusion of African-American students from advanced-level and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
- November 15, 2015: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to South Orange-Maplewood School District Superintendent Dr. John Ramos on important priorities following the Education Summit.
- November 23, 2015: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education President Wayne Eastman citing deficiencies in proposed Policy 2314 Academic Placement.
- February 2, 2016: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to the Compliance Team Investigator for the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) expressing concern that the South Orange-Maplewood School District was not complying with the terms of the Resolution Agreement.
- March 18, 2016: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education President Elizabeth Baker on the need for a budgetary commitment to access and equity goals.

- June 7, 2016: The Black Parents Workshop organizes a meeting between South Orange-Maplewood School District Superintendent Dr. John Ramos and the NAACP Legal Defense Educational Fund to discuss the Fund's possible monitoring of the district's compliance with the OCR Resolution Agreement.
- April 25, 2017: The Black Parents Workshop organizes a meeting between South Orange-Maplewood School District Assistant Superintendent Kevin Walston and the Morgan State University School of Education and Urban Studies in Baltimore to discuss creating a program to hire African-American teachers in the district.
- June 20, 2017: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to New Jersey Attorney General Christopher S. Porrino detailing concerns over drinking water contaminated by lead in the South Orange-Maplewood public schools with a particular concern expressed over Seth Boyden Elementary School. Seth Boyden is the district's most racially segregated K-5 school.
- October 16, 2017: The South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education releases data that reveals continued wide disparities in African-American student enrollment in advanced-Honors and Advanced Placement classes in Columbia High School. The data reveals racial disparities had worsened since the school district signed a Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR).
- February 13, 2018: The Black Parents Workshop organizes a fact-finding trip to James Hubert "Eubie" Blake High School in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- February 27, 2018: The Black Parents Workshop files a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey alleging violations in state and federal civil rights laws by the South Orange-Maplewood School District resulting in discriminatory practices against African-American students.
- April 25, 2018: The Black Parents Workshop sends a letter to New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal expressing concerns over discriminatory practices in the South Orange-Maplewood School District, specifically racial disparities in student discipline and enrollment in advanced-level classes.
- February 7, 2019: The Black Parents Workshop organizes a fact-finding trip to P.S. 28 The Christa McAuliffe School in Jersey City to examine the school's STEM program.