

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

22-50



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

April 5, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Instructional Materials

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scholastic, Inc. 5 Broadway New York, NY 10012	4/5/22 – 6/30/22	\$30,653.69

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for curriculum to support Elementary and Secondary Summer Literacy Camps. See attached supplemental information for additional details.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..." motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money I require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	55103	Instructional Materials	869410	Office of Elementary & Secondary Education/Summer School

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Scholastic, Inc.

Purpose: During the summer of 2022, the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education will implement the LitCamp English Language Arts curriculum by Scholastic with students in our existing summer academic programs for grades K-8. This curriculum will be utilized by teachers in the JK-5 Title 1 Summer Learning Program and a newly redesigned Upper School summer program offering. These programs will serve an anticipated 400 students between grades K-8 across 4 sites.

Amount of Contract: \$30,653.69

Description/Scope of Services:

The CPS Office of Elementary and Secondary education will be offering in person summer camps focused on supporting students who have been identified by their school teams as in need of additional support in ELA and math. The implementation of this curriculum is part of our ongoing efforts to offer consistent academic support for students across grade levels and inhibit summer slide in these areas, while offering students a rounded experience with opportunities for enrichment and fun.

LitCamp is a research-based literacy program that is grounded in social and emotional learning skills and uses authentic, high quality, grade-level texts that are read aloud at every grade level, while providing all students with text copies and opportunities for discussion and engaging activities. The curriculum requires a brief 3 hour training session to begin implementation and offers educators simple daily lessons aligned to SEL skills and reading/writing strategies. The program is designed to create a "camp" experience that can be built upon by our OST providers who will be facilitating afternoon enrichment activities inspired by the themes of the curriculum.

The program will complement our existing high quality adaptive programs used during the school year, as we will continue to utilize Lexia (K-5) and PowerUp (6-8) to address foundational skills with targeted instruction and conduct pre-/post- assessments of student skills. These programs will also provide us with data to monitor the effectiveness of our summer learning programs, and individual student outcomes.