

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

April 26, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Computer Software

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>
Curriculum Associates, LLC 153 Rangeway Road N. Billerica, MA 01862	7/1/22 – 6/30/23	\$191,794.90

DESCRIPTION: This contract will enable the district to continue use of the i-Ready Diagnostic for students in grades 3-8, as well as, purchase the i-Ready Personalized Instruction component. See attached supplemental information for additional details.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

i-Ready is a criterion-referenced test that shows how students are performing against grade level expectations. The tool has culturally responsive and diverse text, is offered in Spanish in math and ELA, provides instructionally-pointed data, and has a strong, built-in progress monitoring component. Universal screening and progress monitoring is a core tenant of multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) that allows educators to support students on the foundational skills in reading and math.

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 55804	Computer Software 851815
		Educational Technology/Research Evaluation & Assessment

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Curriculum Associates

Purpose: Curriculum & Assessment System Support and Strategic Intervention

Amount of Contract: \$191,794.90

Description/Scope of Services: This contract will enable the district to continue use of the i-Ready Diagnostic for students in grades 3-8, as well as, purchase the i-Ready Personalized Instruction component, which provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, using insights from the i-Ready Diagnostic. The Personalized Instruction component allows students to learn at a pace that is just right for them and provides students with instruction and practice in areas where they need the most support.

The Personalized Instruction lessons:

- Feature culturally relevant topics, so students see themselves reflected in their learning
- Use corrective feedback to promote productive struggle, so students become more independent
- Encourage participation, not just listening
- Help students make real-world connections and understand the “why” behind the “how”
- Let students track their progress in their own dashboard, so they become owners of their learning and growth

i-Ready Personalized Instruction is complemented by easily accessible teacher resources that enable teachers to target the specific skills with which students are struggling most in their whole class, small group and one-to-one instruction. Teachers receive intuitive, personalized reports with actionable data to track student progress. They even receive alerts when students need more of their support on a skill. Adding this component of i-Ready will further accelerate student learning through opportunities for differentiation and independence. It will also bring parents more into day-to-day learning in ways that can be leveraged for homework, out-of-school time and summer.

This contract will also provide professional development support for Personalized Instruction at each elementary and upper school.