



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

March 21, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY23 Special Education IDEA Allocation (SC23605) INCREASE**

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee accept and approve **an additional \$12,480.00** to the grant award below for the period indicated.

Amount: INCREASE of \$12,480.00 Period: 9/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
Source: Federal thru State, Entitlement Administrator: Dr. Karyn Grace

Expense Category	FY23 Budget	FY23 FTE	FY23 Budget Amended	FY23 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	\$172,352.00	1.0	\$190,291.00	1.0
Tuition to Other Schools	\$2,135,221.00		\$2,135,221.00	
Other Expenses	\$503,801.00		\$498,342.00	
Total	\$2,811,374.00	1.0	\$2,823,854.00	1.0

Description:

The purpose of the IDEA grant is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The largest portion of the IDEA allocation is for out-of-district tuition. In addition, the grant will fund a workload audit (\$65,000) and translations (\$58,127). To meet the requirement of proportionate share for eligible students attending private schools, a set-aside of \$132,865 will provide services by CPS teachers and a consultant. There is also \$3,500 for membership in the MA Urban Collaborative. \$429,141 of the grant will be for activities under the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS), including the 1.0 FTE Director of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). As of SY21-22, the district has been required to implement a plan for CCEIS in order to mitigate the disproportionate identification of the subset of African American/Black students for special education services. The district’s plan includes professional learning in SEL, cultural and linguistically responsive practices, and coaching and leadership development for OSS staff, all part of a comprehensive program of MTSS. The increase will be used toward health benefits for the MTSS Director.

SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 19, Acceptance of Grants for Expenditure. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.c.44 & 53A, the Superintendent or his/her designee may submit applications for grants or gifts from federal, state, charitable foundation, private corporation, or individual. Grant or gift awards for educational purposes must be submitted to the School Committee for acceptance and approval prior to expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

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CS Superintendent of Schools