



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 6, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Professional Development

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>
Wilson Language Corporation 47 Old Webster Road Oxford, MA 01540	6/9/23 – 6/30/23	\$37,550.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide training in Wilson Reading System to private school staff and district teachers who provide services to privately-enrolled students. Wilson Reading System is a phonics based tier III instructional program to develop students reading skills. The district is required to spend a proportionate share of federal special education (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or IDEA) grant funds to provide equitable services for privately-enrolled students at secular, non-secular, and independent schools, and home-schooled students. See the attached supplemental information for additional details.

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

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund	Account	Dept.	Grant
25000	Grant Fund 553107	Professional Development 852375	Office of Student Services Management & Supervision SC22605 IDEA

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Wilson Language Corporation

Purpose: To provide training in Wilson Reading Program to private school staff and district teachers who provide services to private school students.

Amount of Contract: \$37,500 to be funded through *proportionate share requirements*¹ under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) grants.

Description/Scope of Services:

Wilson will provide an onsite three day training to teachers on the Wilson Reading System. The Wilson Reading System is a phonics based tier III instructional program to develop students reading skills. Wilson Reading is a systematic approach that is structured and intentionally designed to meet students at their entry points, improve their decoding and encoding skills, and monitor their progress across grade spans. In addition, to the three onsite full day trainings, Wilson will train a cohort a 10 teachers who are interested in being a certified teacher through a rigorous online course over the next school year. They will provide instruction, coaching, and supervision to staff that participate in the certification process.

¹ **Proportionate share requirements:** Districts have an obligation to locate and evaluate students with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools located within the district, and to calculate and spend a proportionate share of federal special education (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or IDEA) grant funds providing equitable services for these students. Privately-enrolled students include students at secular, non-secular, and independent schools, and home-schooled students.