



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

October 3, 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>
Blue Engine 142W 57 th Street, 11 th Floor New York, NY 10019	10/6/23 - 6/30/24	\$61,350.00

DESCRIPTION: Professional Development services to implement an effective co-teaching instructional practice for special education students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


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.		Project	
25000	Grant Fund	53107	Professional Development	852660	Office of Student Services Professional Development	SC00605	IDEA

Respectfully Submitted,


Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Blue Engine

Purpose: Professional Development to improve outcomes for students who think and learn differently.

Amount of Contract: \$61,350.00

Description/Scope of Services:

In order to build strong inclusive practices, tackle mindsets, and build proof points for scale, a Blue Engine coach will employ the full scope of school-based support model for five pairs of teachers (Grades 1-5) at two schools (King Open Elementary & TBD) in the district throughout the year. Support will include a mixture of Communities of Practice and instructional coaching to grow their co-teaching practices in service of strong Tier I instruction to accelerate outcomes for students with disabilities.

Partnership Support

- School walkthroughs (MOY & EOY) at each school site & Winter/Spring Data Reviews
- Monthly progress monitoring meetings w/ school leadership

Co-Teacher Support

- Monthly targeted coaching cycles for each co-teaching team (Nov - May) including:
 - Coach-led Co-Planning Meeting
 - Coach observation
 - Debrief and development meeting
- Monthly facilitated co-planning meeting (Nov - May)
- 3 Cross-Site Communities of Practice

Implementation Planning

- 4 Strategic Planning Sessions to prepare for SY24-25
- 1 Day of Co-Teaching P