135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141



October 17, 2023

## TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Educational 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.

Contractor Newsela 620 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10018

Period of Contract 12/20/23 - 12/19/24 <u>Amount</u> \$46,398.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide for school licenses for all elementary and upper schools to support the use of Newsela in the English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies curricula. Newsela provides current event articles at differentiated reading levels that are aligned to standards and provide embedded assessments

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

## **BUDGET REFERENCE:**

Fund		Account		Dept.	
			Computer		Educational Technology/Language
15000	General Fund	55804	Software	851628	Arts

Respectfully Sybmitted,
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Superintendent of Schools