



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

December 5, 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>
Research for Better Teaching One Acton Place Acton, MA 01720	12/31/23 – 6/30/24	\$40,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide professional development for CPS teachers and administrators to support the educational performance goals of the district.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See attached supplemental for additional information.

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	53107 Professional Development	868660 Curriculum & Instruction/Prof Dev

Respectfully Submitted,

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Research for Better Teaching

### **Purpose:**

During FY23-24, we will engage Research for Better Teaching, Inc., to provide professional development that has been customized to meet the needs of CPS teachers and administrators in supporting the educational performance goals of the district.

**Amount of Contract: \$40,000**

### **Description/Scope of Services:**

We have been partnering with Research for Better Teacher since 2012 to offer training to administrators and teachers in research-based strategies for effective teaching and assessment practices. The course, Analyzing Teaching For Student Results is a required course for all new administrators in the district as part of their onboarding process. This course is required for all Educators, Evaluators, CPS intends to ensure equity and alignment in teacher evaluations.

### **Additional Information**

District-wide

- **\$35,000** Course Registration: Analyzing Teaching For Student Results
- **\$5,000** Course materials for Studying Skillful Teaching course