

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

May 7, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** **FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (SC24605) – INCREASE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated.

**Grant Amount:** \$2,985,554.00

**Period:** 8/18/2023-9/30/2025

**Source:** Federal through State, Allocation

**Administrator:** Dr. Karyn Grace

**DESCRIPTION:** This federal entitlement program provides 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 grant allocation was increased by \$13,573.00 from \$2,971,981.00. IDEA funding allocations will continue to be used for:

- Out-of-district tuition (largest portion of grant);
- Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) including professional learning, research based interventions/curricula, and social/emotional learning; a 1.0 FTE lead ELA teacher; 1.0 MTSS Director Salary; and iReady interventions and personalized learning;
- Proportionate share services for eligible students attending private schools;
- Health curriculum for students with significant disabilities;
- Membership in the MA Urban Collaborative.

**District Plan Alignment:** Strategic Initiative 3: Establish robust multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to support students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Expense Category	FY24 Budget	FY24 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	513,009.33	4.0
Temporary Salaries	21,984.73	
Other Expenses	2,447,562.94	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,985,554.00</b>	<b>- -</b>

**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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Superintendent of Schools