

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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September 10, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** FY25 Strengthening Career and Technical Education (Perkins V) Secondary (SC25606)

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

**Grant Amount:** \$115,054.00

**Period:** 8/8/2024-6/30/2025

**Source:** Federal through State, Allocation

**Administrator:** Linda Radzvilla

**DESCRIPTION:** The FY25 Perkins grant funds will support:

- Equipment and supplies – Biotechnology: 1. Lyophilizer -Lyophilization is essentially a freeze-drying process which has many benefits in the pharmaceutical industry, life sciences, and food manufacturing. 2. Opentrons basic lab automation system. Users can increase efficiency, decrease errors, and save hands-on time by automating lab experiments. 3. Media Technology: upgrade the lighting and lighting controls for RSTA's state-of-the-art media studio and provide an opportunity for students to learn and use advanced industry technology.
- Career Pathways - RSTA Skills Library website which houses exploratory rotations, feedback and all RSTA competencies. Costs of Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRC's) fees for students.
- Program and leadership - MA Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) Connecting for Success conference attendance.

**DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT:** Perkins funding will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 2.5 – Implement a system of individualized student success planning and supports that prepare students for effective transitions and post-graduation success. 2.6 - Embed college and career exploration and experiences across the JK-12 continuum.

Expense Category	FY24 Budget	FY24 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	115,054.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,054.00</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,

A blue ink signature of David Murphy, consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

David Murphy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools