CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141



May 6, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)

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
ParentSquare, Inc.
6144 Calle Real, Suite 200A
Goleta, CA 93117

Period of Contract

7/1/25 - 6/30/26

Amount

\$43,029.36

DESCRIPTION: This contract for the annual renewal for the CPS communications platform with parents and guardians.

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 require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
			Computer		Information, Communication &
15000	General Fund	55804	Software	892780	Technology Services

Respectfully Submitted,

N David Murphy

Interim Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: ParentSquare

Purpose: To provide a unified communication platform for the Cambridge Public Schools to connect and engage with parents and guardians. It aims to streamline communication, eliminate the need for multiple apps, and ensure that all families receive important information in their preferred language and format.

Amount of Contract: \$43,029.36

Description/Scope of Services: Parent Square offers a wide array of features for both parents/guardians and schools. For parents, it centralizes school communications, allows preferred communication methods, enables two-way messaging, provides access to school information, facilitates responses, and offers language translation. For schools, it provides tools for mass notifications, classroom communication, direct messaging, digital forms, event and volunteer management, appointment scheduling, and secure document sharing.