



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.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The New England Center for Children 33 Turnpike Road Southborough, MA 01772	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$75,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for autism curriculum software.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:


See the attached supplemental information for additional details.

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.	
15000	General Fund	55804	Computer Software	852330	Office of Student Services Academic Strategies Support

Respectfully Submitted,

  
David Murphy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The New England Center for Children

**Purpose:** To provide services for our students with autism spectrum disorders

**Amount of Contract:** \$75,000.00

**Description/Scope of Services:**

New England Center for Children (NECC) and the Cambridge Public Schools as an implementation site for the Autism Curriculum Encyclopedia (ACE) program. New England Center for Children (NECC) provides autism-specific, specially designed instruction to substantially separate classroom special educators. NECC provides research/evidence-based lesson planning tools for educators to develop lessons aligned with IEP goals & IEP goal-related data collection, such as self-help and life skills. Educators will use the ACE application to help structure individualized lesson plans for students with autism based on each student's specific needs and abilities. ACE will allow educators to oversee student programming.