CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

25-170



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 17, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Testing Materials (FY26 Contract)

RECOMMENDATION:

Contractor GoGuardian 2030 E. Maple Ave

Suite 100

El Segundo, CA 90245

Period of Contract

7/1/25-6/30/26

Amount

\$42,025.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the purchase of K-12 Curriculum Assessment System (CAS) which offers a comprehensive suite of assessment services designed to evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of educational programs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

See the attached supplemental information for additional details.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter II, Section 12..." motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
			Testing		
15000	General Fund	55102	Materials	851815	Research, Evaluation, & Assessment

Respectfully Submitted

Interim Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: GoGuardian Pear Assessment System

Purpose: The Pear Assessment K-12 Curriculum Assessment System (CAS) offers a comprehensive suite of services designed to evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of educational programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade. This will replace SchoolCity, which has been used in the district for almost 10 years. This will allow us to bring common assessments to the high school and deploy curriculum-based assessments more consistently and effectively across the district.

Amount of Contract: \$42,025.00

Description/Scope of Services:

The Pear Assessment System will support a robust assessment process at both the school and district levels providing a single platform that supports all curriculum in order to:

- Measure student progress and achievement in relation to learning standards.
- Make student-level testing accommodations that will be applied consistently to every assessment the student takes. (a unique feature)
- Facilitate teacher and district test creation through standard-based item banks and the ability to upload a pdf of a current test which is automatically broken into individual items that can be edited by CPS educators. (a unique feature)
- Inform instruction: Provide teachers with data to understand student needs and adjust their teaching strategies.
- Evaluate curriculum effectiveness: Assess whether the curriculum is leading to desired learning outcomes. This system will enable us to deliver curriculum-based assessments to students.
- Support accountability: Provide information to the district, schools, and teachers on student performance.
- Identify areas for improvement: Highlight strengths and weaknesses in both student learning and the curriculum.