

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141



September 16, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY26 Title I, Part A Distribution - Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local School Districts (SC26604)

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

Grant Amount: \$1,434,121.00

Period: 9/2/2025-9/30/2027

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Dr. Heather Francis

DESCRIPTION: Title I provides financial assistance to districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. FY26 Title I grant will:

- Fund ELA and Math teaching staff and/or other targeted academic interventions at two elementary schools – Fletcher Maynard Academy and King Open; three upper schools – Cambridge Street Upper School, Darby Vassall Upper School, and Putnam Avenue Upper School; and, the High School Extension Program;
- Fund a Title I Coordinator and Title I MTSS Coordinator;
- Provide for extensive caregiver, family and community engagement activities throughout the year; partially fund the CPS summer program; and, provide services to eligible students in private schools.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: Title I will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 1.3 - Establish robust multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to support students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs. 4.10 - Improve families' access to resources within and beyond CPS.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	1,083,444.54	7.0
Temporary Salaries	270,176.92	
Other Expenses	80,499.54	
Total	\$1,434,121.00	7.0

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,

David Murphy
Interim Superintendent of Schools