

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141



September 16, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY26 Title III Distribution - English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement Program for English Learners and Immigrant Children and Youth (SC26737)

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

Grant Amount: \$118,637.00

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

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Beth Kershner

DESCRIPTION: Title III provides supplemental resources to local school districts to help ensure that English learners (ELs) and immigrant children and youth attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement in English, assist teachers and administrators to enhance their capacity to provide effective instructional programs designed to prepare ELs and immigrant children and youth to enter all-English instructional settings, and promote parental, family, and community participation in language instruction programs. The FY26 Title III grant will:

- Fund summer programs for English learners, progress monitoring software, as well as educator professional development around supporting ELs;
- Provide for English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) courses for parents/caregivers of ELs;
- Support ELs enrolled in eligible Cambridge private schools.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: Title III 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	-	-
Temporary Salaries	83,568.00	-
Other Expenses	35,069.00	-
Total	\$118,637.00	-

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