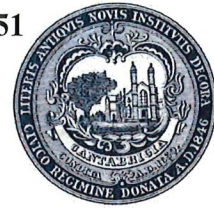


# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-251



September 16, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** FY26 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (SC26605)

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

**Grant Amount:** \$2,926,239.00

**Period:** 8/22/2025-9/30/2027

**Source:** Federal through State, Allocation

**Administrator:** Desiree Phillips

**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The largest portion of the IDEA grant is allocated for out-of-district tuition (\$2,780,689.44). In addition, the grant will:

- Fund professional development for educators and support staff around inclusive practices and other special education matters, including support around implementing the new IEP form;
- Support membership in the MA Urban Collaborative;
- Provide for required, proportionate share services for eligible students attending private schools. In the FY26 grant, a set-aside of \$117,049.56 is included for this purpose.

**DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT:** The FY26 IDEA grant 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. 3.8 - Establish a comprehensive, role-based professional learning strategy and system that improves practices in alignment with district vision.

| Expense Category              | FY26 Budget           | FY26 FTE   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Permanent Salaries & Benefits | 117,049.56            | 1.0        |
| Temporary Salaries            | -                     |            |
| Other Expenses                | 2,809,189.44          |            |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$2,926,239.00</b> | <b>1.0</b> |

**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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Murphy".

David Murphy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools