

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-252



September 16, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** FY26 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Childhood (SC26607)

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

**Grant Amount:** \$64,098.00

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

**Source:** Federal through State, Allocation

**Administrator:** Desiree Phillips

**DESCRIPTION:** This federal entitlement program provides funding to support early childhood education for eligible students with disabilities. FY26 IDEA Early Childhood (IDEA EC) funding will support:

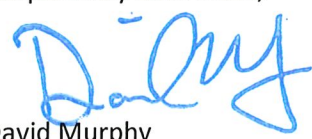
- Professional Development for early childhood educators and staff focused on behavioral interventions, the new IEP form, and other relevant topics;
- Supplies and materials including play and discovery toys, manipulatives, specialized tables, rugs, chairs, curriculum, iPads, etc.;
- Required, proportionate share services for eligible students attending eligible private schools. In the FY26 grant, a set-aside of \$1,365.29 is included for this purpose.

**DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT:** The FY26 IDEA grant will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 2.4 – Collaborate to implement citywide plan for universal preschool to promote equitable access as a foundation for student success. 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	-	
Temporary Salaries	-	
Other Expenses	64,098.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,098.00</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,

  
David Murphy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools