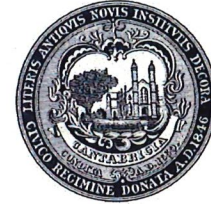


CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-287



November 18, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY26 Fair Share Earmarks (SC26866)**

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

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Period: 10/22/2025 - 6/30/2027

Source: State - Targeted

Administrator: Damon Smith

DESCRIPTION: Two CPS schools - Cambridgeport and King Open - were selected by State Senator Sal DiDomenico to receive \$50,000 each in Fair Share Earmarks. The awarded earmark funds will:

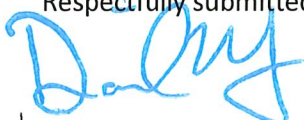
- Establish a sensory makerspace within Cambridgeport that fosters innovation, creativity, and well-being for a diverse community of users. The space will merge traditional makerspace activities - like crafting and tinkering - with sensory-friendly zones that allow for de-escalation and focus.
- Offset the cost of ongoing panel and tile repair and replacement work taking place at King Open in the main stairwell and other common spaces.

District Plan Alignment: This grant project will support District Plan Objective 4: Build Welcoming & Supportive Schools & District.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	\$2,000.00	-
Other Expenses	\$98,000.00	-
Total	\$100,000.00	-

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
Superintendent of Schools