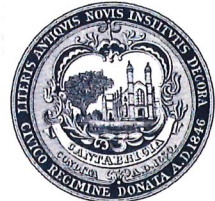


# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

January 5, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD: FY21 IDEA Program Improvement (SC21674)**

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

<u>Amount:</u>	\$50,401.00	<u>Period:</u>	12/21/2020-8/31/2021
<u>Source:</u>	Federal through State	<u>Administrator:</u>	Dr. Alexis Morgan

Expense Category	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE	FY21 Budget	FY21 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-	\$32,890.00	-
Other Expenses (contractual)	\$50,534.00	-	\$17,511.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,534.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 50,401.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Description:

The first IDEA Program Improvement grant available since 2017, this grant will provide professional development for educators and administrators in order to improve programs and systems to increase equity and access to special education services. With these funds, educators will engage in professional learning in non-biased assessments of racial and/or linguistic minorities and work with compliance specialists to ensure fidelity to state regulations. Additionally, staff will engage in professional learning on the collection, analysis, and use of data to inform decisions on Individual Education Plans. Principals, APs, and Deans will be provided a workshop on *Legal Issues for Special Educators*, detailing updates and practices, the principal's role, as well as disability and its intersection with race, language, and socioeconomic status

**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,

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Superintendent of Schools

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