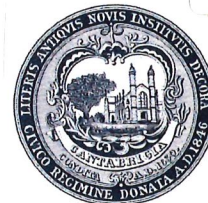


CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

January 5, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY21 Early Childhood Special Education Program Improvement (SC21103)

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

<u>Amount:</u>	\$6,815.00	<u>Period:</u>	12/15/2020-8/31/2021
<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	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses (Supplies)	\$2,650.00		\$6,815.00	
Total	\$2,650.00	-	\$ 6,815.00	-

Description:

This is the first Program Improvement grant available since 2017. With these funds we will purchase the Ortiz Picture Vocabulary Assessment Test (PVAT), an effective assessment for students with limited language (both English speakers and English learners). We will also be purchasing materials and training in loose parts play from the Beautiful Stuff Project. In this type of play, children use environmental materials to explore, make connections, problem solve, and assign meaning. Loose parts play builds creativity and also promotes equity and family engagement.

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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