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C21-329

--In School Committee--
10/05/2021

Ordered:

That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-303, Grant Award, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated.

Special Education IDEA Allocation (SC22605) in the amount of \$2,804,323.00 for the period of September 23, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Description: The purpose of the 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 allocation will be used for out-of-district tuition. To meet the requirement of proportionate share for private schools, a set-aside of \$123,329 will be used to provide services (teachers and consultants) to private school students and staff. The remainder of the grant (\$426,826) will be used for activities under the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS), including the 1.0 FTE Coordinator's position. As of this year, the district is required to implement a plan for CCEIS in order to mitigate the disproportionate identification of the subset of African American/Black students for special education services. The district's plan includes a review and possible revision of assessment practices, Student Support Teams and Individual Student Support plans, as well as steps to strengthen the implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). There is also \$3,000 for membership in the MA Urban Project.

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