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August 8, 2023

ORDERED:

That Superintendent's Recommendation #23-195, 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:

FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (SC24605) in the amount of \$2,971,981.00 for the period of September 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

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 grant is allocated for out-of-district tuition (\$2,239,009). In addition, the grant will fund a health curriculum for students with significant disabilities (\$30,000). To meet the requirement of a proportionate share for eligible students attending private schools, a set-aside of \$247,776.73 is included. There is also \$3,500 for membership in the MA Urban Collaborative. The remainder of the grant (\$451,695) will be for activities under the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS), including professional learning on universal design learning, research based interventions/curricula, and social/emotional learning; a 1.0 FTE lead teacher of English Language Arts; a partial (0.3) FTE for the MTSS Director who is also partially paid on the FY23 IDEA grant; iReady intervention system and personalized learning; and an MTSS dashboard. As of SY21-22, the district has been 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.

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Attest: 
Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

c: Superintendent