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## **MEMBERS**

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## ORDERED:

That Superintendent's Recommendation #25-189 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:

FY25 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC25776) - INCREASE through State -Targeted in the amount of \$8,368,166.00 for the period of October 3, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this grant is to provide reimbursement for a portion of CPS costs of educating high-needs special education students. The state is increasing the Circuit Breaker allocation for CPS by \$75,926 for FY25 funding, as well as providing supplemental transportation funds for Cambridge and other communities. The supplemental transportation increase for CPS is \$604,451 for a new total of \$8,368,166. Grant funds will be used to:

- The state's Special Education Circuit Breaker program reflects the district's reimbursement for prior year expenses educating high-needs special education students in excess of the per-student threshold;
- In FY24, the per-student threshold was \$51,721;
- The allocation for FY25 is based on a reimbursement rate of 75% for instruction and tuition and transportation claims made in FY24;
- The district uses Circuit Breaker to fund out-of-district tuition and transportation expenses.

A true copy:

Attest:

Katherine Christo
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee