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December 16, 2025

ORDERED:

That Superintendent's Recommendation #25-306 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:

FY26 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant (SC26871) - State -Targeted in the amount of \$185,248.00 for the period of December 15, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

DESCRIPTION: This grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability will help address immediate accessibility needs within the Cambridge Public Schools with an emphasis on individuals with low vision, hearing impairment, and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Grant funds will be used to:

- Invest in assistive technology devices for students and the teachers who directly support them including a range of iPads with sturdy cases and locking storage, large format Chromebooks, and high-quality microphone headsets, etc.
- Install high-contrast step-edges on all steps and stairwells at Amigos, Peabody, and Rindge Avenue Upper School to make the steps safer for low-vision and ASD students in those buildings. Additionally, funds will enable us to uniformly paint and tape high-contrast step edges on all 1,440 steps at CRLS, as well as the main stairwell at Cambridge Street Upper School.

A true copy:

Attest:

Katherine Christo

Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee