

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 28, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Student Tuition

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Agassiz Baldwin Community 20 Sacramento Street Cambridge, MA 02138	7/11/22 – 9/2/22	\$30,800.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide tuition for a full-day in person summer camp program for eleven (11) CPS students. See the attached supplemental information for additional details.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..." motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money I require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund	Account	Dept.	Project
25000	Grant Fund 55814	Scholarship Payments 869410	Summer Program SC21200
			ESSER II CARES Act Grant

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Agassiz Baldwin Community

Purpose: Student Summer Scholarships

Amount of Contract: \$30,800.00

Description/Scope of Services:

Providing scholarships for high quality out-of-school time (OST) programs and summer camps are among the most effective supports available for reducing achievement gaps and bridging the gap between the opportunities available to children in low-income families and their more affluent peers. The quality of care that children experience during these elementary school years impacts their health, education, quality of life, and civic engagement as adults.

The identification and selection of summer programs was based on the following criteria:

- Programs needed to be offering **full-day, in-person, Massachusetts state-licensed programming and services** for students aged 4.5-13 years-old (grades K-7).
- **High-quality, mission-driven organizations** providing services in Cambridge
- **Established track record of collaborating with CPS** to support high needs students and families through strategies that support more equitable access to programs and services.
- Commit to **reserving slots** for high needs CPS students.
- Commit to **accepting referrals** from CPS and the Cambridge Agenda for Children Out-of-School Time (AFCOST) to fill those slots, while prioritizing a continuum of out-of-school time care from school year to summer when possible.
- Accept CPS scholarships based on a **set and agreed upon maximum daily rate, \$70/day**, which is comparable to what state-licensed providers in Cambridge charge for summer programming.
- Accept that reimbursements for tuition costs to scholarshiped CPS students **would be paid in arrears**, not at the beginning of the summer, as is typically the case.
- A commitment to work with CPS to coordinate appropriate data sharing about students' learning and growth needs, and possible use of CPS's personalized learning tools available for use during the summer.
- Also, programs must have the capacity to:
 - Complete any school age enrollment documentation and maintain a file for each child as per licensing requirements;
 - Keep accurate attendance records for each child placed in a contracted slot;
 - Inform AFCOST if a child becomes unenrolled for all or part of the day;
 - Work with AFCOST and a child's family in the event that substantial issues arise between the Grantee/Program and the child or child's family.
 - Adhere to all federal, state, city and local laws, rules, regulations and orders, including but not limited to those that require the Grantee to protect the health and safety of all children, families, and staff including all COVID-19 related requirements.
 - Comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing the confidentiality of student records, including, but not limited to the confidentiality and disclosure requirements of the federal Family Educational and Rights Privacy Act ("FERPA") and Commonwealth of Massachusetts student record laws and regulations (each to the extent applicable).