



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

May 16, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Student Assessment Software (FY24 Contract)

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>
Amplify	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$131,377.90
55 Washington St, Suite 500		
Brooklyn, NY 11201		

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for Grade K-2 literacy screener and diagnostic software. See attached supplemental information for additional details.

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

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.		Project	
25000	Grant Fund	55804	Computer Software	840148	English Language Arts/Instructional Support	SC22216	ESSER III

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Amplify

Purpose: To implement a research-based, DESE-approved early literacy screener and diagnostic tool, with embedded tools for dual-language assessment, multi-tiered intervention, K-2 adaptive learning software and caregiver engagement.

Amount of Contract: \$131,377.90

Summary Description / Scope of Services:

The MA State Legislature enacted legislation (Regulation 603 CMR 28.03(1)(f)) that goes into effect on July 1, 2023 requiring all districts to screen students in K-3 on early literacy measures that are predictive of reading difficulties, particularly dyslexia. DESE provided districts with guidance on how to implement these regulations, and put forth a set of fully approved early literacy screeners. The only fully DESE approved early literacy screener that is digitally available to students across grades K-3 is Amplify's mCLASS® (DIBELS-8).

The Amplify Suite includes the mCLASS® screener / diagnostic tool; mCLASS® Lectura (providing dual-language screening / reporting); mCLASS® Intervention (research-proven, teacher-directed, intensive intervention lessons); and Boost Reading (K-2 supplemental adaptive learning in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension).

The Amplify suite will replace the existing CPS K-2 screener, additional analysis software, and various, inconsistent diagnostic and intervention tools. This program aligns to our department's goal of systematically reviewing and aligning teaching and learning resources to a few high-quality, research-proven tools that ensure increased consistency, educator support and student impact across the district. Ongoing professional learning is included in the cost and implementation plan.