



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

September 5, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Instructional Materials

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>
Cengage learning 10650 Toebben Drive Independence, KY 41051	8/6/23 – 6/30/24	\$28,776.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide materials to upgrade the SEI Program’s English Language Development curriculum.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.	
15000	General Fund	55103	Instructional Materials	858133	ELL Instructional Support

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Cengage Learning

Purpose: To update the SEI Program's English Language Development curriculum to meet the needs of the new 2020 WIDA ELD Standards that Massachusetts has adopted. The current curriculum has not been updated in over 5 years and did not meet grade-level ELA standards or the updated WIDA 2020 ELD standards.

Amount of Contract: \$28,776

Description/Scope of Services:

Purchase REACH Higher Curriculum for grades 1-5 SEI Programs, as well as the Our World curriculum for students who have recently immigrated to this country.

These programs are developed for English language learners to acquire the English language at the same time that they engage with grade level content standards. Therefore, they will allow for consistent target literacy instruction of grade level standards, as well as English language development for our multilingual learners in SEI grades 1-5 classrooms. Additionally, such programs are aligned with ELA Massachusetts framework & Cambridge Public Schools ELA learning expectations, as well as aligned with the MLE Department language standards as prescribed in the WIDA 2020 Standards frameworks. Most importantly, implementation of such curriculum programs will provide equity in access to high quality instruction and learning across schools and classrooms.

Both *Reach Higher* and *Our World* from CENGAGE contain content -based literacy and language development materials that include:

- Student textbooks with multicultural texts and visuals, vocabulary glossaries, academic routines for writing, reading and speaking;
- Student practice books and digital license;
- Teacher's edition and digital planning resources including classroom presentation tools; and
- Culturally Responsive Instruction practices.

Furthermore, these high-quality curricula are the only ones that meet both the Massachusetts CURATE curriculum standards and correlated with the WIDA 2020 ELD Standards.