



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>
Barnes & Noble, Inc. 33 East 17 th street New York, NY 10003	9/8/23 – 6/30/24	\$48,627.05

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for textbooks for Fishtank Learning curriculum for grades 6-8.

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.	Project
25000 Grant Fund	55103 Instructional Materials	840148	Language Arts Instructional Support SC22216 ESSER III

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Barnes & Noble, Inc.

Purpose: To provide students with texts from the newly adopted 6-8 curriculum for ELA, Fishtank Learning.

Amount of Contract: \$48,627.05

Description/Scope of Services:

The purchase includes all ELA core novels for the newly adopted Fishtank ELA curriculum. The purchase provides 1-1 copies for all upper school students in all classroom models (including general education, special education and SEI). In addition, purchases include Spanish Language texts for the Amigos school to implement the new curriculum in a bilingual learning model. Texts are complex, grade-appropriate and culturally responsive, ensuring students are appropriately engaged, challenged and prepared for success in high school and beyond.