



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

October 15, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Instructional materials for the Biotechnology program

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>
VWR International, LLC 100 Matsonford, RD Bldg. 1, Suite 100 Radnor, PA 19087	9/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$41,464.27

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the purchase of Lyophilizer equipment and materials for the Biotechnology Program. This piece of equipment greatly enhances RSTA's ability to prepare students in the Biotechnology program with industry-standard skills and experience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Lyophilizer system will serve as a valuable education tool for RSTA students, allowing them to gain practical experiences in the process of lyophilization. Lyophilization is essentially a freeze-drying process which has many benefits in the pharmaceutical industry, life sciences, and food manufacturing. The process extends shelf life, improves stabilization, prevents chemical reactions, and preserves biological activity.

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	58501	Equipment	838270	RSTA/Biotechnology	SC25606	Perkins Grant

Respectfully Submitted,

David Murphy
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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