

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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August 5, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY26 Popplestone Foundation (SC26695)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated.

**Grant Amount:** \$121,234.12

**Period:** 9/1/2025-8/31/2026

**Source:** Private

**Administrator:** Andrea Zuniga

**DESCRIPTION:** The Popplestone Foundation grant will continue to support the salary and benefits of a 1.0 FTE music teacher at the Peabody School, as well as contribute funding for 0.4 of a 1.0 teacher FTE at the Tobin School. The grant will also support \$250 per school for music instructional supplies and costs of educators to attend the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Conference. The full costs of the program will be supplemented in FY26 by carryover from our FY25 Popplestone grant.

**District Plan Alignment:** Strategic Initiative 2: Align instructional practices and resources to instructional framework across content areas and grade bands.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	\$117,234.12	1.4
Temporary Salaries	-	
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,234.12</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**SUPPORTING DATA - RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Chapter III, Section 19, Acceptance of Grants for Expenditure. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.c.44 & 53A, the Superintendent or his/her designee may submit applications for grants or gifts from federal, state, charitable foundation, private corporation or individual. Grant or gift awards for educational purposes must be submitted to the School Committee for acceptance and approval prior to expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

 David Murphy  
Interim Superintendent of Schools