



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

April 7, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Instructional Materials (FY27 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>
School Specialty PO Box 1579 Appleton, WI 54912	7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$350,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for classroom instructional materials for all schools. The contract amount is based on school and department expenditures in FY26.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
See the 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:

Account		Fund		Dept.	
55103	Instructional Materials	15000	General Fund	Various	Various Schools & Departments

Respectfully Submitted,

David Murphy  
Superintendent of Schools

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: School Specialty

**Purpose:** District wide contract for instructional materials.

**Amount of Contract:** \$350,000.00

**Description/Scope of Services:**

School Specialty is a state contract vendor with whom CPS regularly does a large volume of business.  
Based on FY26 expenditures (see table below).

Elementary Schools	\$	133,198.53
Upper Schools	\$	48,739.13
CRLS & VPA	\$	31,394.62
Departments & Business Offices	\$	116,381.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>329,713.33</b>