



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

April 7, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Computer Software & Supplies

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>
Ockers Technology 48 Leona Drive Middleboro, MA 02346	3/27/26 – 3/26/27	\$48,201.75

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the annual renewal of CPS media script gateway subscription.

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.		Project	
55804	Computer Software	15000	General Fund		Various Schools		ADA Improvement
55802	& Supplies	25000	Grant Fund	Various	& Departments	SC26871	Grant

Respectfully Submitted,

David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Ockers Technology

Purpose: Purchase hardware and subscription licenses for media scribe captioning and translation device for school committee and other related public meetings from Ockers Technology.

Amount of Contract: \$48,201.75

Description/Scope of Services:

Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) received a Municipal ADA Improvement Grant through the MA Office on Disability to make investments in accessibility across the district. Included in this project is the purchase of a Media Scribe device. This device aims to automate ADA compliance for government meetings with high quality AI generated captions in two major ways. First, the ability to output video with captions and/or translations at the location of the meeting. This allows people at the location of the meeting (or even in the building) to see captions on a screen. Second, the ability to see live translations of the meeting in various languages. Translations can be done from a mobile device and be included in the live broadcast of the meeting. The Media Scribe could be used for the approximately 70 school committee meetings held annually, as well as other key districtwide meetings for staff, caregivers, and the public. The Media Arts department will supervise the installation and use of the device. Grant funds will fully fund the purchase of the hardware and general funds will be used to pay for subscription licenses.