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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

August 4, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AAWARD: Educational Support

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this agreement have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Youth Guidance 1 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60602	9/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$136,444

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the Becoming A Man (BAM) Program at CRLS.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

BAM delivers an innovative blend of clinical theory, men’s rite of passage work, and a dynamic approach to youth engagement and guiding that equips youth with the tools they need to develop into healthy, responsible young men and thrive. A BAM counselor, assigned full time to CRLS, will continue their work with a cohort of male students of color at the high school. Through weekly group sessions called BAM Circles, and individual support during the school day, the BAM Counselor guides young men to learn, internalize, and practice social-emotional skills that align with the program’s six core values of integrity, accountability, self-determination, positive anger expressions, respect for womanhood, and visionary goal setting. The program connects youth to mentors, and provides programming centered on social-emotional development, academic, and career skills in a culturally relevant way.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12...” motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money I require the affirmative vote of four members.”

BUDGET REFERENCES:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	55107	Instructional Services	830248	CRLS/Cambridge Partners

Respectfully Submitted,

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CS Superintendent of Schools