

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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September 1, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY27 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (SC27605)

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

Grant Amount: \$3,006,666.00

Period: 7/28/2026 - 9/30/2028

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Desiree Phillips

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The largest portion of the IDEA grant is allocated for out-of-district tuition (\$2,875,530.69). In addition, the grant will:

- Fund professional development for educators and support staff around inclusive practices and other special education matters;
- Provide for required, proportionate share services for eligible students attending private schools. In the FY27 grant, a set-aside of \$106,135.31 is included for this purpose.

Expense Category	FY27 Budget	FY27 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits (portion of 1.0 FTE)	106,135.31	1.0
Temporary Salaries	-	
Other Expenses	2,900,530.69	
Total	\$3,006,666.00	1.0

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,

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David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools