

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

26-226



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

October 20, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Student Support Services

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>
Cambridge School Volunteers 459 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02138	7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$246,365.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the administration and processing the placement of volunteers in CPS schools.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

See attached supplemental 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.	
55107	Instructional Services	15000	General Fund	896248	Superintendent/Cambridge Partners

Respectfully Submitted,


David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Cambridge School Volunteers

Purpose: To provide volunteers throughout the district

Amount of Contract: \$246,365.00

Description/Scope of Services:

Elementary Programs

Reading Buddies (Corporate Partner Program) - K-2 students are paired with an adult volunteer for weekly one-to-one reading time.

Location: Fletcher Maynard Academy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School

Sessions: during school, 26 1/2hr sessions, November-May, 1:1 match

Students served: 151 in Grades K-2

Classroom Collaborators - Volunteers are placed in classrooms by teacher request to support individualized and small-group instruction across all curricular areas

Location: Any CPS elementary school by teacher request. (Note: Graham and Parks is not accepting volunteers)

Number of sessions: during school, varies by teacher request, from 1 hr/wk to as many as 20 hrs/wk, September-June, small group

Students served: 787 in SY26-27, Grades K-5

KeyPals (Corporate Partner Program) - Facilitates one-to-one mentor relationships between volunteers in STEM fields and each 5th-grade student to increase communication skills and awareness of STEM paths.

Location: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School

Sessions: during school, 5 two-hour sessions, 6 one-hour sessions, January-June, 1:1 match

Students served: 65* (*All 5th-graders at MLK)

Challenge Math with MIT ChemE - Weekly, play-based math sessions with ChemE volunteers.

Location: Fletcher Maynard Academy during the Pacesetters after-school program

Sessions: after school, 36 one-hour sessions, November-June, small group

Students served: 30

Upper School Programs

Learning Centers - By teacher referral, tutors help with homework, reinforce study and organizational skills, and boost academic confidence.

Location: Amigos, CSUS, DVUS, PAUS, RAUC

Sessions: after school, 30 one-hour sessions, October-May, 1:1 match

Students served: 45

NetPals (Corporate Partner Program) - Mentors advise scholars on science fair projects and share about their educational paths and current work, inspiring students to consider STEM careers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Cambridge School Volunteers

Location: CSUS, PAUS, RAUC

Sessions: during school, 5 one-hour sessions, 3 two-hour sessions, January-June, 2:1 student to mentor match

Students served: 285* (*All 7th-graders at participating schools)

High School Programs

Tutoring Center- Students request volunteers who serve as one-to-one tutors for high school students of all levels and needs, providing individualized help to improve their skills and knowledge in specific subjects.

Location: CRLS

Sessions: before school 30 one-hour sessions, after school 30 one-hour sessions, September-June, 1:1 match and drop-in

Students served: 389 in SY25-26

College & Career Mentoring - Volunteers help high school juniors and seniors by assisting with understanding and following through with all stages of the college application process.

Location: CRLS

Sessions: after school, 36 one-hour sessions, September-June, drop-in

Students served: 74 in SY25-26

Peer Tutor Program - Student volunteers build community and a sense of belonging while tutoring their peers and reinforcing their own knowledge of academic topics.

Location: CRLS and Upper Schools

Sessions: Students are placed as tutors in the Tutoring Center at CRLS or Upper School Learning Centers