CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

26-249

November 17, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY27 Fair Share Earmarks (SC27866)**

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

Grant Amount: $175,000.00
Source: State - Targeted
Period: 9/25/2026 - 6/30/2029
Administrator: Damon Smith

DESCRIPTION: Four CPS schools – Cambridgeport, King Open, Peabody, and Rindge Ave. Upper School – as well as the Visual and Performing Arts Program were selected by State Senator Sal DiDomenico to receive FY27 Fair Share Earmarks. The awarded earmark funds will:

- Cambridgeport ($50,000) – Invest in upgrades to the gymnasium/auditorium.
- King Open ($50,000) – Support ongoing panel and tile installation work taking place in the main stairwell and other common spaces.
- Peabody & RAUS ($25,000) – Fund the installation of 4-5 exterior and interior security cameras.
- VPA ($50,000) – Replace the aging roll out floor used for dance programs, as well as invest in large and small musical instruments and some amplification supplies and other technology.

Expense Category	FY27 Budget	FY27 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	$175,000.00	
Total	**$175,000.00**	**-**

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,

David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools