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August 4, 2026

ORDERED:

That Superintendent's Recommendation #26-173 Grant Award, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY26 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC26776) - INCREASE through State – Targeted in the amount of \$9,254,850.00 for the period of September 25, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this grant is to provide reimbursement for a portion of CPS costs of educating high-needs special education students. The state is increasing the Circuit Breaker allocation for CPS by \$194,281 for FY26 funding.

- The state's Special Education Circuit Breaker program reflects the district's reimbursement for prior year expenses educating high-needs special education students in excess of the per-student threshold;
- In FY25, the per-student threshold was \$52,419.00;
- The allocation for FY26 is based on a reimbursement rate of 75% for instruction and tuition claims and 67.89% for transportation claims made in FY25;
- The district uses Circuit Breaker to fund out-of-district tuition and transportation expenses.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Christo".

Katherine Christo
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

c: Superintendent