

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

26-112



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 2, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Educational Support Services (FY27 Contract)

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>
uAspire 31 Milk St., Suite 900 Boston, MA 02109	9/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$60,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for college affordability advice for CRLS students and their families

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

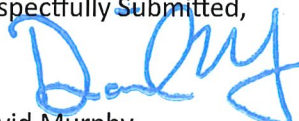
See attached supplemental for additional details

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 REFERENCE:

Account		Fund		Dept.	
55107	Instructional Services	15000	General Fund	830255	CRLS / School Improvement

Respectfully Submitted,


 David Murphy
 Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: uAspire

Purpose: To provide college admission counseling and financial aid assistance to current and former CRLS students and their caregivers.

Amount of Agreement: \$60,000.00

Description/Scope of Services:

The purpose of this contract is to expand the capacity of Cambridge Rindge and Latin (CRLS) to support students and families in accessing, understanding, and securing financial aid for postsecondary education.

uAspire Deliverables & Services:

uAspire will provide hybrid (in-person/virtual) support utilizing multilingual resources, text campaigns, and direct advising across three core areas:

- **Student & Family Advising:** One-on-one support for financial aid applications, verification, award letter reviews, scholarships, and summer transition planning for graduating seniors.
- **Collaboration & Planning:** Joint outreach strategy development with CRLS staff, regular progress updates, and formal goal reviews (beginning, mid, and end-of-year).
- **Data & Evaluation:** Regular reporting on student engagement, financial aid completion rates, and summer transition outcomes.

District Responsibilities:

To ensure successful implementation, the District and CRLS will provide:

- **Coordination:** A designated primary contact to manage student referrals, planning, and communication.
- **Logistics & Infrastructure:** Dedicated workspace for in-person advising days, Wi-Fi/technology access, and inclusion of uAspire in school-wide family communications.
- **Systems Access:** Integration of uAspire into relevant student information/college-readiness platforms and whitelisting of the uaspire.org domain for outreach.

Data Sharing, Privacy & Impact:

- **Data Security:** Both parties will establish a secure data-sharing process compliant with student privacy laws.
- **Metrics Tracked:** Shared data (demographics, enrollment, and financial aid status) will be used strictly to evaluate program impact, including application completion rates and postsecondary persistence outcomes.