

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

26-113



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 2, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Computer Software (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>
Curriculum Associates, LLC 153 Rangeway Road N. Billerica, MA 01862	7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$125,133.39

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the district to continue to use the i-Ready diagnostic and personalized instruction component for students in grades 3-8.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

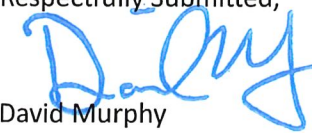
See attached supplemental information for additional details.

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.		Project	
55804	Computer Software	15000	General fund	851815	Educational Technology		IDEA
		25000	Grant Fund	852510	Office of Student Services	SC25605	Grant

Respectfully Submitted,


David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Curriculum Associates i-Ready

Purpose: To utilize curriculum & assessment system support and strategic intervention.

Amount of Contract: \$125,133.39

Description/Scope of Services:

This contract will enable the district to continue use of i-Ready's Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction platform for students in grades 3-8. This also reflects usage for students in the High School Extension Program and students in substantially separate classrooms at CRLS. It is important to note that this estimate reflects a considerable decrease in licenses for personalized instruction for SY26-27, reflecting a more strategic approach to usage. This has contributed to a significant reduction in overall costs compared to prior years. SY26-27 will be our fifth year of using i-Ready.

The Personalized Instruction component allows students to learn at a pace that is just right for them and provides students with instruction and practice in areas where they need the most support. This component of i-Ready accelerates student learning through opportunities for differentiation and independence. It also brings parents more into day-to-day learning in ways that can be leveraged for homework, out-of-school time and summer. The Personalized Instruction lessons:

- Use corrective feedback to promote productive struggle, so students become more independent
- Encourage participation, not just listening
- Help students make real-world connections and understand the "why" behind the "how"
- Let students track their progress in their own dashboard, so they become owners of their learning and growth
- Feature culturally relevant topics, so students see themselves reflected in their learning

i-Ready is our core platform in grades 3-8 ELA and math for universally screening all of our students to identify who may benefit from additional support or extensions through our MTSS system; it also allows us to understand the progress students are making. We use i-Ready alongside other data sources to identify students who may benefit from Excel Tutoring and summer programming. We also share the family/caregiver reports after each screening window so that families understand how their students are performing relative to grade-level expectations.