



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	9/1/26 – 8/31/27	\$42,900.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for a unified K-12 software system that spans administrative management, progress monitoring in the four language domains, and professional development for the district.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

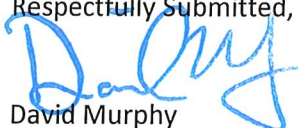
See attached supplemental information for additional details.

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 25000	General fund Grant Fund	858133 858626	ESL Support Multilingual Learner Education	SC27737	Title IIIA

Respectfully Submitted,

  
David Murphy  
Superintendent of Schools

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Curriculum Associates (Ellevation)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this contract is to continue to use the comprehensive, web-based English Language Development (ELD) and data management platform. Ellevation is specifically tailored for Multilingual Learners (MLs), as well as the educators who serve them. The platform centralizes EL student data, streamlines state and federal compliance workflows, optimizes instructional planning for MLs, and provides professional development modules for educators.

**Amount of Contract:** \$42,900.00

### **Description/Scope of Services:**

Ellevation Education provides a unified K-12 software system that spans administrative management, progress monitoring in the four language domains, and professional development. An additional component, *Ellevation Benchmark*, will allow the MLE Department to progress-monitor ML students across all four language domains up to three times per year. All components of this software are as follows:

- **Program Management & Compliance (Ellevation Platform):** Integrates real-time CPS data with essential English Learner Education (ELE) program compliance tasks. This includes streamlining EL student identification, setting language goals, and optimizing workflows for meeting the 12 ELE criteria as set by DESE. It also generates parent notification letters to meet state and federal mandates efficiently and helps with monitoring Former English Learners (FELs), OptOut students, and CPP students who have been identified as potentially needing EL services in Kindergarten.
- **Measurement and Progress Tracking (Ellevation Benchmark):** Provides access to timely, EL-specific benchmark assessments administered up to three times per year. These short, 20-minute assessments measure language development across all four critical domains: reading, writing, listening, and speaking, offering educators real-time proficiency insights well before end-of-year summative state testing.
- **Instructional Support & Professional Learning (Ellevation Strategies):** Ellevation Strategies equips classroom teachers with a collection of research-based instructional activities, digital dashboards, and differentiated language scaffolds for multilingual learners. These tools allow general education and specialist teachers to customize lesson plans according to the specific linguistic needs of individual students. It also strengthens district-wide teacher capacity through evidence-based professional learning modules.