

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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August 4, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY27 Popplestone Foundation (SC27695)**

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

Grant Amount: \$294,311.89

Period: 7/1/2026-8/31/2027

Source: Private

Administrator: Andrea Zuniga

DESCRIPTION: The Popplestone Foundation grant will continue to support the salary and benefits of a 1.0 FTE music teacher at the Peabody School, as well as contribute funding for 0.4 of a 1.0 teacher FTE at the Tobin School. The grant will also support \$250 per school for music instructional supplies and costs of educators to attend the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Conference. The full costs of the program will be supplemented in FY27 by the general fund.

District Plan Alignment: Strategic Initiative 2: Align instructional practices and resources to instructional framework across content areas and grade bands.

Expense Category	FY27 Budget	FY27 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	\$290,311.89	1.4
Temporary Salaries	-	
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00	
Total	\$294,311.89	1.4

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