

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

26-221



October 6, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY27 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC27776)

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

Grant Amount: \$11,065,624.00

Period: 9/23/2026-9/22/2028

Source: State

Administrator: Desiree Phillips

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'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 FY26, the per-student threshold was \$53,431.00;
- The allocation for FY27 is based on a reimbursement rate of 75% for instruction and tuition claims and 75% for transportation claims made in FY26;
- The district uses Circuit Breaker to fund out-of-district tuition and transportation expenses.

Expense Category	FY27 Budget	FY27 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	11,065,624.00	-
Total	\$11,065,624.00	-

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Murphy".

David Murphy
Superintendent of Schools