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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141



October 5, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY22 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC22776)**

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

Amount: \$6,279,758.00 Period: 9/30/21-6/30/2023
Source: State Administrator: Carolyn Turk

Expense Category	FY21 Budget Amended	FY21 FTE	FY22 Budget	FY22 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	\$5,503,351.00		\$6,279,758.00	
Total	\$5,503,351.00	-	\$6,279,758.00	-

Description:

The state's Special Education Circuit Breaker program, managed as a grant, reimburses local school districts for a portion of their costs of educating high-needs special education students. The Circuit Breaker budget in any given year reflects the district's reimbursement for prior year expenses. The allocation for FY 2022 is based on a reimbursement rate of 75% for individual student costs in excess of \$46,017, including the cost of transportation for out of district students. The district budgets Circuit Breaker funds for out-of-district tuition and transportation expenses.

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,

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