

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August 2, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Instructional Materials

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for curriculum materials; funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this contract have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Reading Company 201 S. Gulph Rd. King of Prussia, PA	7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$28,700.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for English Language Arts printed materials, central texts, modules and supplemental research collections to support the implementation of the ELA curriculum for teachers and students in grades 6-8.

SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..."motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCES:

ACCOUNT:	55103	Instructional Materials
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	840119	ELA/Literacy Collaborative
PROJ:		

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Salim, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: American Reading Company Contract

Purpose: Instructional Materials for English Language Arts Curriculum

Amount of Contract: \$28,700

Description/Scope of Services:

During SY 2016/17, a new English Language Arts curriculum will be implemented in grades 6 to 8. The new curriculum, designed by EL Education in New York (formally Expeditionary Learning), was selected through the CPS Curriculum Review Cycle process. A design team composed of ten 6th to 8th grade teachers and coaches worked to create units of student aligned with Common Core State Standards and selected this particular curriculum. The new curriculum consists of four modules for each grade level. These modules, along with the supporting units of study developed by the design team, will be implemented during the next two years, with each grade level team teaching two modules beginning in SY 2016/2017 and teaching the full 4 modules in the following year. The curriculum developed by EL Education, including teacher guides and other supporting materials can be accessed on-line for free.

This contract is for the purchase of core texts for classroom libraries that support and extend the learning in the modules and promote independent reading.