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159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

August 2, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY17 Special Education IDEA Allocation (SC17605)**

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

Amount: \$2,658,484.00 Period: 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2017  
Source: Federal thru State, Entitlement Administrator: Victoria Greer


Expense Category	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Tuition to Other Schools	\$2,564,869.00		\$2,458,484.00	
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00		\$200,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,574,869.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,658,484.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Description:

The purpose of this Federal Entitlement Grant Program is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. Of this funding, \$200,000 is budgeted for professional development, including staff training in Universal Design for Learning, and the remainder will be used for out-of-district tuition for students. (Note: amount requested is less than allocation as the membership fee of \$3,000 to Mass Urban Project is paid directly by DESE.)

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,

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