CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

16-217



159 Thorndike Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

September 6, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD:

Professional Development

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Professional Development; 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

Contractor

Research for Better Teaching

One Acton Place Acton, MA 01720

Period of Contract 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

Amount \$45,233.00

DESCRIPTION:

This contract will provide professional development services

throughout the 2016 -2017 school year.

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:

53107

Professional Development

FUND:

15000

General Fund

ORG:

893660

Deputy Supt Teaching & Learning

Professional Development

PROJ:

Respectfully Submitted,

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



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Research For Better Teaching, Inc. (RBT) Contract

Purpose: Professional Development

Amount of Contract: \$45,233

Description/Scope of Services:

This contract supports year three of the High Expertise Teaching (HET) project, a professional development initiative started in FY 2015. During FY 2017, RBT will provide the following:

- The "Studying Skillful Teacher" course for 25 participants
- Administrator professional development including the "Checking for Understanding/Formative Assessment" and "Analyzing Teachers for Student Results" courses
- School-based site visits with principal/coach teams
- In-district instructor training, which will allow CPS to expand its in-house offerings of the "Studying Skillful Teacher" course