

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

15-242



October 6, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY16 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC16776)**

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

Amount: \$3,949,668 Period: 9/29/2015 – 6/30/2017
Source: State Administrator: Marc Wright

Expense Category	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Tuition to Other Schools	\$3,364,713.00		\$3,949,668.00	
Other Expenses	-		-	
Total	\$3,364,713.00	-	\$3,949,668.00	-

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 state aims to reimburse, subject to budget appropriation, 75% of district costs in excess of four times the state average foundation budget per pupil as calculated under state law. The Circuit Breaker budget in any given year reflects the district's reimbursement for prior year expenses. All Circuit Breaker funds are budgeted for tuition.

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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Superintendent of Schools