



November 17, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY16 Special Education Program Improvement (SC16674)**

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

Amount: \$50,534 Period: 11/17/2015–8/31/2016  
Source: Federal thru State, Allocation Administrator: Marc Wright

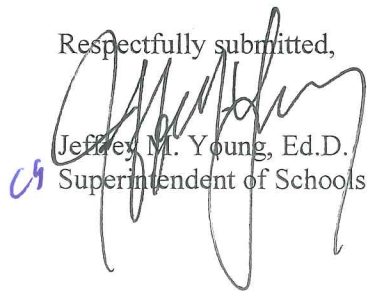
Expense Category	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-	\$20,000.00	-
Professional/Technical Services	\$49,148.00	-	\$20,000.00	-
Other Expenses (Supplies)	-	-	\$10,534.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,148.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$50,534.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Description:

The purpose of this program is to advance the skills of educators involved with students with disabilities through high-quality, sustained, and intensive professional development activities. With these funds, educators will receive training in using data to determine the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Educators will also participate in professional learning communities throughout the school year, focused on the use of data in implementing Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to redesign general and special education classroom settings to improve math and literacy skills for students with disabilities.

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