

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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March 17, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARDS:	<u>Project/Grant</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	1. SC15120	Title I-DSAC School Support	\$13,809.00
	2. SC15123	DSAC School Support	\$ 5,401.00
	3. SC15100	Biogen Idec	\$ 5,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee accept and approve the attached grant awards in the amounts and for the periods indicated.

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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Jeffrey M. Young, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## Grant Descriptions

### 1. Title I-DSAC School Support (SC15120)

Award: \$13,809

Period: 1/23/15 – 8/31/15

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Maryann Macdonald

Expense Category	FY14 Budget	FY14 FTE	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE
Permanent Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Professional Development Stipends	-		\$4,950	
Instructional Materials	\$2,130		\$1,134	
Professional Services	\$2,770		\$7,725	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$13,809</b>	<b>-</b>

*Description:* This District and School Assistance Center (DSAC; Title I) grant will support the development of improvement strategies at the Kennedy-Longfellow School, which is currently in Level 3 status. District leadership and an independent consultant will work with the Kennedy-Longfellow School to expand the capacity of the school's Instructional Leadership Teams (ILTs) to implement an accelerated action plan and engage in effective review and analysis of data to inform instruction.

### 2. DSAC School Support (SC15123)

Award: \$5,401

Period: 1/23/2015 – 6/30/2015

Source: State, Allocation

Administrator: Carolyn Turk

Expense Category	FY14 Budget	FY14 FTE	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE
Permanent Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Professional Development Stipends	\$2,640		\$2,200	
Professional Services	\$1,650		\$3,201	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$5,401</b>	<b>-</b>

*Description:* This District and School Assistance Center (DSAC; non-Title I) grant will support the Accelerated Improvement plan at Putnam Ave Upper School, currently in Level 3 status. District leadership and an independent consultant will work with the math teachers to implement the Galileo Assessment System in mathematics, including data analysis of results and the use of this data to inform instruction.

### 3. Biogen Idec Foundation/RSTA Biotech (SC15100)

Award: \$5,000

Period: 3/17/2015- 8/30/2015

Source: Private

Administrator: Michael Ananis

Expense Category	FY14 Budget	FY14 FTE	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE
Permanent Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-	-
Professional Development Stipends	-		\$5,000	
Instructional Materials	\$8,160		-	
Field Trips	\$1,560		-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>-</b>

*Description:* This grant will provide professional development for CRLS Biotech (RSTA) and Biology teachers in conjunction with a separate biotech grant (SC16101, approved at the 1/20/15 meeting) funded by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. In this student-focused research project jointly undertaken by the biotech company IOMICS, the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science (MAMS), the CRLS Biology Department, and the RSTA Biotech Program, students will participate in a real-world, comprehensive research project aimed at mapping genetic networks in yeast, which may be relevant in treating human disease.

In 2014, the Biogen Idec Foundation gave smaller grants to four CPS schools; this year the program is investing in larger projects that provide more intensive STEM education.