

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

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June 7, 2016.

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **Electric School Bus Pilot Program (SC16133)**

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

Amount: \$400,000.00 Period: 5/11/16–8/31/2018
Source: State, Competitive Administrator: James Maloney

Expense Category	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temp Salaries	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	\$400,000.00	-
Total	-	-	\$400,000.00	-

Description:

CPS has been awarded a grant from the MA Department of Energy Resources to participate in its Electric School Bus Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot project is to evaluate the economic viability of electric school buses by testing the suitability of electric drive technology for school bus operations as well as additional potential benefits such as using vehicles as a fuel storage resource. Grant funds will be used to procure the electric bus and charging equipment, both of which will become the property of CPS following the pilot period. The sponsor and its partners will also provide CPS with technical and strategic assistance for the duration of the project. The district will be responsible for installing the charging equipment, charging and maintaining the bus, operating the bus and any related vehicle-to-grid / vehicle-to-building technology, and monitoring and reporting on key data and findings.

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

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