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December 6, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY17 Special Education Program Improvement (SC17674)**

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

Amount: \$50,534.00 Period: 12/6/16–8/31/2017
Source: Federal thru State, Allocation Administrator: Victoria Greer

Expense Category	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	\$20,000.00		-	
Other Expenses	\$30,534.00		\$50,534.00	
Total	\$50,534.00	-	\$50,534.00	-

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 Orton Gillingham Literacy Practicum and Understanding by Design (UDL), a practice which supports the redesign of general and special education classroom settings to improve math and literacy skills for students with disabilities. The grant will also support attendance at the conference of the Council of Exceptional Children.

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,

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

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