

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

June 16, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Instructional Materials

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for instructional materials; funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this contract have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scholastic, Inc. 5 Broadway New York, NY 10012	6/5/20 - 6/30/20	\$73,882.10

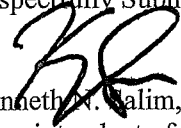
DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide summer reading books for students in Grades K-8.

SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12... "motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCES:

ACCOUNT:	55103	Instructional Materials
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	868148	Curriculum & Instruction/General Instructional Support

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Scholastic, Inc.****Purpose:**

Provide summer reading books for students in grades K-8 and deliver them directly to student's homes

Research shows that reading over the summer can "stem the loss in reading achievement" (or summer set-back/summer slide), and that putting books into student's hands (putting more books into the student's home) correlates to increased reading achievement (Kim 2004; Halle, Kurtz-Costes, and Mahoney 1997).

**Amount of Contract:** \$73,882.10

**Description/Scope of Services:**

Students will be provided with "Grab & Go: Take Home Book Packs" that include culturally relevant authentic texts that reflect students' interests, spark imagination, and keep them on their path to becoming lifelong readers". Books will be mailed directly to students in K-8.