



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

June 16, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY19 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC19776) INCREASE

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

<u>Amount:</u>	\$151,512 INCREASE	<u>Period:</u>	10/2/2018-6/30/2020
<u>Source:</u>	State	<u>Administrator:</u>	Alexis Morgan

Expense Category	FY19 Budget	FY19 FTE	FY19 Budget With increase	FY19 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary salaries	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	\$5,546,235.00		\$5,697,747.00	
Total	\$5,546,235.00	-	\$5,697,747.00	-

Description:

The state's Special Education Circuit Breaker program, managed as a grant, reimburses local school districts for a portion of their costs of educating high-needs special education students. The state aims to reimburse, subject to budget appropriation, 75% of district costs in excess of four times the state average foundation budget per pupil as calculated under state law. This year's initial FY19 reimbursement was initially set by the state at 72% but was subsequently increased to 75%. The Circuit Breaker budget in any given year reflects the district's reimbursement for prior year expenses. All Circuit Breaker funds are budgeted for tuition. This increase will be used for FY19 and FY20 expenses.

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