



October 3, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY18 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC18776)**

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

Amount: \$4,663,125.00 Period: 10/03/2017–6/30/2019  
Source: State Administrator: Jean Spera


Expense Category	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE	FY18 Budget	FY18 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses (Tuition)	\$4,267,619.00		\$4,663,125.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,267,619.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,663,125.00</b>	<b>-</b>

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 FY18 reimbursement is currently set by the state at 65%. 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.

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