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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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159 THORNDIKE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

September 8, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Software Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for computer software maintenance; 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>
PJ Systems dba HiQ Computers 477 Riverside Avenue Medford, MA 02155	7/1/15-6/30/16	\$26,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the Absolute Management Program to manage software updates throughout the School District.

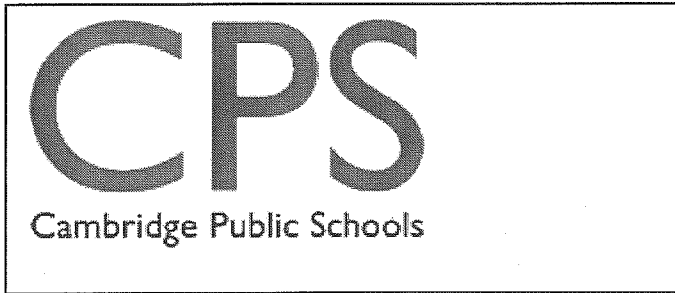
SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..."motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCES:

ACCOUNT:	55804	Education Supplies/Computer Software
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	892780	MIS/Information, Communication & Tech Services
PROJ:		

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Description of Purchase:
 Absolute Manage**

CPS is making great strides in providing access to technology for all students. This increase in access includes not only higher numbers of devices, but also a wider range of devices. CPS strives to provide support for all devices so that the best matched tool for the particular need can be used, regardless of the operating system. CPS currently maintains approximately 3,500 desktops and laptops as well as an additional 1,500+ Chromebooks and tablets (Apple IOS, Windows & Google Android). The complexities of managing such a wide range of devices without the proper tools can be overwhelming.

Over the years CPS IT staff have employed multiple tools to assist with imaging computers, pushing out updates and monitoring software licensure. These tools were effective for the CPS environment initially, but with increased complexity more advanced tools are required to ensure our IT staff as efficient as possible.

Absolute Manage provides the CPS IT staff with a single console through which they can manage PC, Mac, iOS, Android, and Windows Tablet devices: Absolute Manage also provides a single console to manage software images, new software installs, power management and software license monitoring & metering.