

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 License

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Virtual Classroom software; 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>
Edgenuity, Inc. 8860 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85250	7/1/15 – 8/31/16	\$30,375.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for User Licenses for Virtual Classroom and Web Administrator for Math and High School Extension Program.

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	Computer Software
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	848148	Math Curriculum
	836250	High Sch. Ext. / Secondary Instruction
PROJ:		

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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Description of Purchase: Edgenuity

Upper School Math

During the 2013-2014 school year Edgenuity was implemented as the primary curricular tool for teaching Algebra I content in the Upper Schools. Edgenuity is a flexible interactive technical tool that allows teachers to supplement the 8th grade Math in Focus curriculum for 8th graders that are engaged in the Accelerated Math Pathway. Eighth grade students in all Upper Schools use this tool for grappling with complex Algebra I content. In addition, the program is used by families over the summer preparing students to enter the 8th grade Accelerated Math Pathway class and in the summer "bridge" program.

At this time, all 8th grade teachers have been trained in using Edgenuity and our curriculum maps and pacing charts point specifically to units we have developed in Edgenuity. The choice was intentional to not purchase textbooks at this time as CRLS is planning to purchase a new textbook as soon as a common-core aligned Algebra I textbook becomes available that meets their needs. At that time, we would plan to purchase the same text, but until that time, Edgenuity provides the flexibility we need without investing in a hardcopy textbook that would need to be replaced in a few years.

High School Extension Program/Cambridge Rindge & Latin School

For over five years, the High School Extension Program has utilized Edgenuity (and its former identity - E2020) as a course recovery option for students seeking courses beyond the in-school offerings. This includes a renewal of those courses, as well as, additional course identified by CRLS to support students who are out of school for a period of time due to medical reasons as well students who may need additional support .