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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

October 18, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY17 Circuit Breaker Allocation (SC17776)**

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

Amount: $4,267,619.00 Period: 9/22/2016–6/30/2018
Source: State Administrator: Victoria Greer

Expense Category	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-		-	
Other Expenses (Tuition)	$4,057,873.00		$4,267,619.00	
Total	**$4,057,873.00**	**-**	**$4,267,619.00**	**-**

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 FY17 reimbursement is currently set by the state at 70%. 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,

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cs Superintendent of Schools