CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY18 Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (SC18851)**

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

Amount:	$263,815.00	Period:	7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018
Source:	State, Competitive	Administrator:	Maryann MacDonald

Expense Category	FY17 Budget	FY17 FTE	FY18 Budget	FY18 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	$116,463.00	1.40	$39,443.00	0.40
DHSP Subcontract	$158,933.00		$224,122.00	
Other Expenses	$2,304.00		$250.00	
Total	**$277,700.00**	**1.40**	**$263,815.00**	**0.40**

Description:

This CFCE grant supports pre-school-aged children and their families through a collaboration between CPS and the City of Cambridge DHSP's Center for Families. Together they provide a seamless network of programs that are responsive to diverse families, including: conducting ongoing outreach, information, and referrals; providing family literacy-based play groups and community-wide activities; partnering with public schools and community-based programs to support Kindergarten registration and screening; providing family education and support services; and engaging families in supporting early childhood development through utilization of the ASQ screening tool and follow-up activities and referrals to address challenges early. In CPS, the grant funds the 0.40 FTE Early Childhood Specialist who co-facilitates mother support groups and other family support programs. The majority of the grant funding is subcontracted to the Center for Families, supporting many types of specialist positions.

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

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