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# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

February 4, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Instructional Materials

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Instructional Materials; 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>
Heinemann Publishing 361 Hanover Street Portsmouth, NH 03801	2/7/20 – 6/30/20	\$29,512.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for English Language Arts assessment materials.

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:	55103	Instructional Materials
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	868820	Office of Curriculum & Instruction
PROJ:		

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth N. Salim, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Heinemann Publishing

**Purpose:** To purchase Benchmark Assessment Systems 1 and 2 to support teachers as they implement English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum in grades 2 and 4, and pioneer curriculum in grade 3.

**Amount of Contract:** \$29,512.00

**Description/Scope of Services:**

During the 2018-2019 school year, 20 teachers pioneered new units in ELA in grades 2 and 4. Pioneer teachers used this upgraded assessment system. This system gives us more comprehensive information about students' reading development and progress. This team of teachers recommended that we provide these resources to teachers as they implement curriculum in grades 2 and 4 and pioneer curriculum in grade 3.

The Benchmark Assessment Systems are directly aligned with the Massachusetts 2017 English Language Arts and Literacy Framework and will provide teachers with ideas for rigorous, impactful lessons. This assessment is the only one we know of that is a comprehensive tool that measures accuracy, fluency and comprehension. It provides teachers with valuable information about students' literacy skills.