

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

August 31, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Instructional Materials

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Savvas Learning Company 15 E Midland Ave, STE 502 Paramus, NJ 07652-2938	9/3/21 – 6/30/22	\$28,158.55

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for CRLS Biology textbooks. See attached supplemental information for additional details.

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

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	55106	Textbooks	830250	CRLS/General Instructional Support

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria L. Greer, PhD

Interim Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Savvas Learning Company

Purpose: To purchase new textbooks for the CRLS Biology courses.

Amount of Contract: \$28,158.55

Description/Scope of Services: The CRLS Biology teaching team has reviewed the most current Miller & Levine and McGraw Hill science textbooks and curriculum platforms, and they are recommending Miller & Levine *Biology* (edition 2019). Currently, a 2010 edition of the textbook is being used.

Miller & Levine has been the choice of the CRLS Biology team for over twenty years, and transitioning to the newest edition should be smooth. Excitingly, the 2019 edition offers online access, which merges seamlessly with Google Classroom, a tool utilized by all the teaching staff. Online access also ensures that updates to the curriculum are accessible to learners without the purchase of additional textbooks. Students will be able to access the textbook in the traditional hard cover option and via their Chromebooks in the online format. The combination of the online tools and CRLS's 1:1 Chromebook learning platform will most certainly increase equity and accessibility to the Biology curriculum. For example in the older series separate texts were published for ELL and special education populations. With the 2019 online features, modified text and exercises are fully available through the one title/text.

A set of 300 textbooks will be purchased so each student enrolled in a Biology course will have a physical copy as well as access to the online platform.
