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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

May 18, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Educational Computer Software

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>
Newsela 620 8 th Avenue New York, NY 10018	7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$33,845.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide for school licenses for all elementary and upper schools to support the use of Newsela in the English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies curricula.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Newsela provides current event articles at differentiated reading levels that are aligned to standards and provide embedded assessments. The tool is used in 3rd through 8th grade.

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

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	55804	Computer Software	851628	Educational Technology/Language Arts

Respectfully Submitted,

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