**MEMORANDUM**

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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:**  | Patrick Tutwiler, Interim Commissioner |
| **Date:**  | May 13, 2025 |
| **Subject:** | Grant Packages for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  |

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| **Pursuant to the authority given to the Commissioner by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at its October 21, 2008 meeting, I approved the following competitive grants.** |
| **FUND** **CODE** | **GRANT PROGRAM** | **NUMBER OF****PROPOSALS** **APPROVED** | **AMOUNT** |
| 0318 | METCO Supplemental Special Education Grant\* | 12 | $463,076 |
| **TOTAL** |  | 12 | **$463,076** |

\*Approved by Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | **METCO Supplemental Special Education Grant** | **FUND CODE:** 0318 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 463,076 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 2,144,982 |
| **PURPOSE:** The grant program will provide supplemental support to METCO districts serving Boston or Springfield resident students with more intensive special education needs. The METCO program expands educational opportunities, increases diversity, and reduces racial isolation by permitting students in Boston and Springfield to attend public schools in other communities that have agreed to participate. Through the use of state funds (line item 7010-0012), participating METCO districts will receive supplemental support to serve students with more intensive special education needs, which include specialized transportation and/or one-on-one support in the student's IEP. The priority of this grant is to fully reimburse participating METCO districts for significant transportation costs incurred in the prior school year and to offer some reimbursement for other provided services to students with IEPs whose costs for service(s) exceed the foundation budget per pupil amount but do not meet the circuit breaker threshold. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 13 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 12 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 1 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received a total of thirteen (13) grant proposals totaling 147 SY23-24 individual student claims, at $2,144,982, of which 39 claims were determined to be eligible for reimbursement based on meeting the threshold of the FY24 foundation budget per pupil amount ($15,427.35) and not exceeding the circuit breaker threshold ($51,721), excluding any specialized equipment claims (for student transportation). All four (4) specialized equipment claims were fully funded at a total of $71,182 and remaining grant funds were then disbursed on a pro-rated basis based on individual student claims without transportation included. District recommendations were calculated via the sum of eligible pro-rated individual student claims and specialized equipment, if applicable. In total, $463,076 was awarded through this fund code.  |
|  **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Bedford Public Schools | $18,527 |
| Cohasset Public Schools | $11,423 |
| Concord Public Schools | $5,806 |
| Hingham Public Schools | $31,885 |
| Natick Public Schools | $51,727 |
| Needham Public Schools | $70,202 |
| Newton Public Schools | $169,397 |
| Scituate Public Schools | $6,897 |
| Sharon Public Schools | $9,683 |
| Swampscott Public Schools | $5,412 |
| Walpole Public Schools | $17,200 |
| Wellesley Public Schools | $70,330 |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$463,076** |