MEMORANDUM

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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:** | Patrick Tutwiler, Interim Commissioner |
| **Date:** | June 17, 2025 |
| **Subject:** | Grant Packages for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (June) |

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| **Pursuant to the authority given to me 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** |
| 0221 | Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program | **7** | $230,666 |
| 0311 | Supporting Students’ Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral & Mental Health, and Wellness through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (SEL & Mental Health Grant)\* | **60** | $5,540,875 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **67** | **$5,771,541** |

\*Approved by Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | **Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program** | | **FUND CODE:** 0221 | | |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $2,000,000 (State and Federal) | | | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $230,666 | | | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The program’s primary goals are to cultivate a diverse and effective teacher pipeline that reflects Massachusetts’s student demographics; to address staffing shortages in hard‑to‑staff roles such as special education, early childhood, ESL, and STEM through job‑embedded preparation and professional supports; and to expand equitable access to the teaching profession for individuals who may face financial or systemic barriers to traditional teacher preparation. In FY25, 22 districts applied for funding; seven were awarded grants totaling $230,666 of the $1,217,332.03 requested. For more information, see the DESE RFP for FY2025 Fund Code 0221: [FY2025 Fund Code 0221: Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program - Grants and Other Financial Assistance Programs](https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2025/0221/). | | | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 22 | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 7 | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 15 | | | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** Funding will help establish strong foundations for RTAP programs in seven districts. These programs will support the development of a local pipeline of future teachers who reflect the diverse backgrounds of the students they serve. Additionally, by focusing on hard-to-fill roles like special education, ESL, early childhood, and STEM, the funding will help provide apprentices with hands-on learning, mentoring, and professional development so they are ready to lead classrooms from day one. It will also help create a no-cost, full-time pathway into teaching, removing financial barriers and making the profession more inclusive and accessible for people from all backgrounds. | | | | | |
| **RECIPIENTS** | | | | **AMOUNTS** |
| Everett Public Schools | | | | $25,000 |
| Lowell Public Schools | | | | $5,850 |
| Lynn Public Schools | | | | $30,000 |
| Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District | | | | $26,416 |
| Randolph Public Schools | | | | $500 |
| Salem Public Schools | | | | $131,000 |
| Waltham Public Schools | | | | $11,900 |
| **TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS** | | | | **$230,666** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | **Supporting Students’ Social Emotional Learning, Behavioral & Mental Health, and Wellness through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support** | | **FUND CODE:** 0311 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $ 5,540,875 (State and Federal) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 12,903,822 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** To support Massachusetts public school districts and communities to adapt, expand, or strengthen multi-tiered systems of support to respond to the social-emotional and behavioral health needs of students, families, and educators and to build strong partnerships with community-based mental health agencies and/or providers. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 142 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 60 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 82 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** A total of 60 grantees will receive funds to support SEL & Mental Health efforts. All funded applicants will use funds to support the following activities. Specific details about individual grantees are available upon request.   * Develop comprehensive integrated multi-tiered systems for student, family and educator social-emotional and/or mental health supports; * Build sustainable infrastructure to facilitate integrated coordination between school and community-based services and/or providers; and * (if applicable) Pilot universal screenings for students in kindergarten to grade 12 (indicated by an \*\* below). | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| ACCEPT Education Collaborative (Natick) | $100,000 |
| Assabet Valley Collaborative (Marlborough)\*\* | $100,000 |
| Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical (Marlborough)\*\* | $100,000 |
| Ayer-Shirley School District | $100,000 |
| Bedford\*\* | $148,575 |
| Belchertown | $25,080 |
| Bellingham\*\* | $100,000 |
| Berkley | $26,500 |
| Boston | $100,000 |
| Bridge Boston Charter School\*\* | $59,999 |
| Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical (Taunton) | $43,800 |
| Brockton | $100,000 |
| Burlington\*\* | $59,200 |
| Chelsea | $100,000 |
| Chicopee\*\* | $100,000 |
| Danvers | $100,000 |
| Dedham | $85,200 |
| Dennis-Yarmouth\*\* | $146,880 |
| Everett | $99,660 |
| Excel Academy Charter (East Boston) | $99,936 |
| Fall River\*\* | $148,545 |
| Foxborough Regional Charter | $100,000 |
| Gardner | $100,000 |
| Gateway (Huntington) | $100,000 |
| Gloucester | $100,000 |
| Hadley | $84,000 |
| Hampden-Wilbraham | $100,000 |
| Haverhill | $100,000 |
| Holliston | $100,000 |
| King Philip (Norfolk)\*\* | $100,000 |
| Lowell | $100,000 |
| Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter | $70,000 |
| Map Academy Charter School (Plymouth) | $100,000 |
| Medway\*\* | $70,000 |
| Methuen | $100,000 |
| Middleborough | $73,705 |
| Monson\*\* | $143,420 |
| Narragansett (Baldwinville) | $34,150 |
| Natick\*\* | $95,000 |
| North Adams | $100,000 |
| Norwood\*\* | $148,575 |
| Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical (Palmer) | $37,150 |
| Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Lawrence\*\* | $100,000 |
| Quincy | $100,000 |
| READS Collaborative (Middleborough) | $94,140 |
| Rockland | $100,000 |
| Salem | $100,000 |
| Salem Academy Charter\*\* | $99,260 |
| SEEM Collaborative (Stoneham) | $53,100 |
| South Hadley | $99,734 |
| Southbridge | $63,125 |
| Springfield International Charter\*\* | $108,575 |
| Springfield\*\* | $148,575 |
| Taunton | $100,000 |
| Uxbridge\*\* | $50,864 |
| Warwick | $100,000 |
| Watertown | $100,000 |
| West Springfield | $99,127 |
| Wilmington | $75,000 |
| Winthrop\*\* | $50,000 |
| **TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$5,540,875** |