

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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159 THORNDIKE STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

October 1, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Educational Support

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Educational Support; 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>
Youth Guidance 1 N. LaSalle St, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60602	9/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$104,065.00

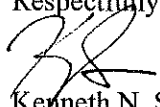
DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the Becoming A Man (BAM) Program at CRLS.

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:	55107	Instructional Services
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	830248	CRLS/Cambridge Partners

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Youth Guidance

**Purpose:** The Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) will partner with Youth Guidance to deliver the Becoming A Man (BAM) Program at CRLS.

**Amount of Contract:** \$104,065

**Description/Scope of Services:** The CRLS community is committed to ensuring that upon graduation all students are equipped with the necessary social, emotional, and academic skills to be successful in the post secondary experience of their choice. A multi-year review of CRLS student and demographic data confirms that African American male performance outcomes in these target areas for success are consistently lower than their peers. In an effort to better support college and career readiness expectations for these students, CRLS will partner with Youth Guidance to deliver BAM, a nationally-recognized mentor program that inspired President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative. Founded in Chicago in 2001, BAM's model of school-based group counseling and mentor services teaches valuable life skills to young men of color in at-risk communities.

BAM delivers an innovative blend of clinical theory, men's rite of passage work, and a dynamic approach to youth engagement and guiding that equips youth with the tools they need to develop into healthy, responsible young men and thrive. A BAM counselor, who will be assigned full time to CRLS, will work with a cohort of male students of color at the high school. Through weekly group sessions called BAM Circles, and individual support during the school day, the BAM Counselor will guide young men to learn, internalize, and practice social-emotional skills that align with the program's six core values of integrity, accountability, self-determination, positive anger expressions, respect for womanhood, and visionary goal setting. The program will connect youth to mentors, and provide programming centered on social-emotional development, and academic and career skills in a culturally proficient way.

The Amount of Contract includes:

Personnel Costs (BAM Counselor)	\$83,720
Supplies	300
Transportation	2,500
Workshops, Conferences & Meetings	1,445
Client Activities	14,660
<u>Equipment Expenses</u>	<u>1,440</u>
 Total	 \$104,065