



**Grant Award Notification: FC 181 Gateway City
Grants for High Quality, Intensive English
Language Learning Programs**

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer *Robin Desmond*

DATE: January 10, 2020

RE: *Memorandum – Grant Award Notification*

The Lowell Public Schools was recently awarded \$83,000 through a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grant: Gateway City Grants for High Quality, Intensive English Language Learning Programs – All Levels (Fund Code 181)

This exciting program will support district priorities in regard to closing the achievement gap for all students, particularly those who are English Learners. LPS will have the opportunity to provide a 4 week, 6 hour per day summer program to English Learners in grades 8-12. The program will be held at Lowell High School.

The EL Summer Enrichment Academy will address the following specific needs of students:

- Academic enrichment to increase content knowledge and English language development and other content areas (based on identified needs/gaps).
- Acculturation assistance in making social connections with other students in non-academic settings and adapting to American school system and New England climate and historical context.
- Extended learning time for increased exposure/opportunities fill educational gaps and use the English language in a guided setting.
- Parent involvement and engagement supported by a Parent Liaison.

Breakfast, lunch and transportation will be provided.

I would like to thank Coordinator of Special Programs, Carolyn Rocheleau and Dr. Phala Chea, Coordinator of English Language Education for their work in obtaining this grant.