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TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: August 7, 2020
RE: Approval to Accept and Expend Allocated FY21 Awards

I respectfully request that the School Committee vote to approve and accept the enclosed list of FY21 grant allocations received to date.

These funds include Federal and State entitlement, continuation, competitive and CARES Act awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education and the Department of Early Education and Care.

Funding allocated to support summer programming - staff stipends and contracted services providing programming instruction.

High School Equivalency Test Centers - DESE Fund Code 850

Allocation Amount: \$7,339

Duration: 7/1/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this state-funded targeted grant program is to assist in the day-to-day operation of High School Equivalency Test Centers (HSE) including, but not limited to the cost for test administration, special needs, and technology upgrades.

Funding allocated for technology supplies and other general materials.

CvRF School Reopening - DESE Fund Code 102

Allocation Amount: \$3,233,925

Duration: Upon Approval to 12/30/20

The purpose of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CvRF) School Reopening Grants is to provide eligible school districts and charter schools with funding to support costs to reopen schools.

Funding earmarked to purchase air quality purifiers and filters, required PPE and online curriculum licenses.

Title IIA - DESE Fund Code 140

Allocation Amount: \$617,849

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

Title II, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to school districts to improve high quality systems of support for excellent teaching and leading.

Funding earmarked to support the Lowell Teacher Academy (LTA) Facilitator salary, LTA Mentor stipends, professional development stipends, Principal mentor stipends, as well as, ELL and STEM Lead Teacher stipends.

Title III - DESE Fund Code 180

Allocation Amount: \$570,002

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

Title III of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to local school districts to help ensure that English learners (ELs) and immigrant children and youth attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement in English, assist teachers and administrators to enhance their capacity to provide effective instructional programs designed to prepare ELs and immigrant children and youth to enter all-English instructional settings, and promote parental, family, and community participation in language instruction programs for parents, families, and communities.

Funding earmarked to support ELL Tutors, PD stipends, consultants and materials to strengthen English Learner curriculum and instruction as well as family engagement and support for English Learner students.

SPED IDEA - DESE Fund Code 240

Allocation Amount: \$4,323,748

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this federal special education entitlement grant program is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs.

Funding earmarked for Special Education staff (Asst. Director of Special Education, Staff Counsel for Student Services, Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals), stipends for professional development and summer programming, consultants/service providers, materials and transportation for after school and summer programming.

Early Childhood SPED Allocation - DESE Fund Code 262

Allocation Amount: \$95,503

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this federal special education entitlement grant program is to provide funds to ensure that eligible 3, 4, and 5-year-old children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

Funds allocated for staffing, stipends, contracted services and materials

Title I - DESE Fund Code 305

Allocation Amount: \$5,647,472

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

Title I, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to local school districts to help provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

Funding earmarked for salaries (Administrative Assistants, Instructional/Literacy Coaches, Parent/Bilingual Family Liaisons and Tutors), stipends for professional development, contracted services to support PD, and instructional materials and technology to enhance student learning opportunities.

Title IV - DESE Fund Code 309

Allocation Amount: \$416,854

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

Title IV, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to local school districts to build capacity to help ensure that all students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences.

Funding earmarked for high quality professional development activities to support well rounded education, social emotional learning and safe and healthy schools.

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins/Occ Ed) - DESE Fund Code 400

Allocation Amount: \$129,497

Duration: 9/1/20 to 6/30/21

The purpose of this federal grant is to assist school districts in improving secondary-level programs that meet the definition of career and technical education as contained in the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act P.L. 115-224 (Perkins V).

Funding earmarked to support pathways programs at Lowell High School.

Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief (ESSER) - DESE Fund Code 113

Allocation Amount: \$4,707,937

Duration: 7/1/20 to 6/30/21

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund provides resources to school districts to address the impact the Novel

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has had and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. Districts must provide equitable services to students and teachers in private schools as required under the CARES Act.

Funding allocated to offset the cost of fringe benefits to the General Fund in order to maintain staffing.

Gateway City Grants for High Quality, Intensive English Language Learning - DESE Fund Code 181

Allocation Amount: \$44,550

Duration: 7/1/20 to 8/31/20

This grant program is one of the multiple ways DESE is supporting Gateway districts that have English learners and wish to implement a new and innovative ELE program, while also providing districts with an opportunity to create a more culturally and linguistically diverse workforce.

Funding used to support summer learning programs for English Language Learners.

Coordinated Family & Community Engagement - EEC Fund Code 237

Allocation Amount: \$274,605

Duration: 7/1/20 to 6/30/20

To provide families with access to locally-available comprehensive services and supports that strengthen families, promote optimal child development and bolster school readiness.

Funding allocated to support family engagement activities through playgroups and community-wide programs/events. Includes a portion of the Early Childhood Social Worker salary, Home Visitor/Bilingual Family Liaison salaries, contracted service providers and supplies/materials.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education - DESE Fund Code 310

Allocation Amount: \$105,000

Duration: 9/1/20 - 8/31/21

The purpose of these federal continuation grants is to provide funding for programs that ensure homeless students enroll in school, attend school, and have the opportunity to succeed in school.

Funding earmarked for Part-time McKinney-Vento Specialists, contracted service provider (CTI) to provide services to homeless families and unaccompanied youth as well as supplies for back to school and bus passes for parents and caregivers to attend meetings and functions.

Summer and Vacation Learning Program - DESE Fund Code 333

Allocation Amount: \$36,000

Duration: 7/8/20 to 8/31/21

The purpose of this new competitive federally funded grant is to support local school districts, charter, and career vocational technical education schools efforts to develop, expand, or enhance high quality, in-person, virtual, or hybrid (combination of in-person and virtual) summer (summer 2020) and/or school vacation learning programs during the 2020-2021 school year. Grant funds may also be used to support the development and implementation of school year weekend learning programs to be implemented during the academic year.

Adult Basic Education - DESE Fund Code 340

Allocation Amount: \$1,124,232

Duration: 9/1/20 to 8/31/21

The purpose of this continuation grant program is to fund free access for eligible undereducated and limited English proficient adults, age 16 and older, to highly effective adult basic education services in the sixteen Workforce Investment Areas in the Commonwealth previously funded in FY 19 and FY20. The purpose of the services is to assist adult students to achieve their educational and career goal as family members, workers, and community members, and prepare them to successfully take their next steps toward those goals, in college and further training, at work, and in the community.

Funding allocated to staffing, contracted services/consultants, supplies/materials for Adult Ed.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education and Integrated Education and Training - DESE Fund Code 359

Allocation Amount: \$247,447

Duration: 9/1/20 to 8/31/21

The purpose of IELCE is to accelerate participants' educational and career advancement by providing eligible individuals with ESOL services including civics education, offered concurrently and contextually with local area workforce preparation and training activities that result in students attaining one or more industry-recognized credentials required for local area employment in high-demand industries.

Funding allocated to staffing, contracted services/consultants, supplies/materials for Adult Ed.

Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative - EEC Fund Code 515

Allocation Amount: \$312,500

Duration: 7/1/20 to 12/31/20

The purpose is to continue to expand high-quality pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten by September 2021 using the Massachusetts Preschool Expansion Grant public-private partnership model. These grants provide communities who have received CPPI grants in FY19 the opportunity to continue the work of expanding access, aligning and improving the quality of local early education systems serving 3 and 4 year olds through partnerships between the local public school district and local EEC-licensed early education programs.

Funding allocated to support preschool programs at LPS, Lowell Collaborative Preschool -CTI, Little Sprouts and the YMCA.

Development and Expansion of High Quality Summer Learning - DESE Fund Code 527

Allocation Amount: \$20,910

Duration: 7/1/20 to 8/31/20

The purpose of this state competitive grant is to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students.

Funding allocated to support summer programming - staff stipends and instructional materials.

Increased Access to Quality Afterschool and Summer Learning Program - DESE Fund Code 528

Allocation Amount: \$157,080

Duration: 7/1/20 to 8/31/20

The purpose of this new state competitive grant is to increase access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs.