



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lowell Day School on Broadway
480 Broadway Street
Methuen, MA 01844

March 23, 2018

Dr. Salah Khelifaoui
155 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear Superintendent Khelifaoui,

Please accept this request for an out of state conference for Karen Tyros and Stephanie Crowell, teachers at the Lowell Day School, to attend the Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP) training on April 10, 2018 at Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside Street, Nashua, New Hampshire.

Language Acquisition Through Motor Planning (LAMP) is an augmentative alternative communication (AAC) approach designed to give individuals who are non-verbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently and spontaneously expressing themselves through the use of a voice output communication device. LAMP was initially developed to give non-verbal individuals with autism a means of communication but can be adapted to benefit individuals with a variety of disabilities. The components of LAMP address the features and vocabulary available on the device as well as the method of teaching communication while taking into account the individual's sensory needs.

In order to participate, the teachers will be out of the district for one (1) day. No substitutes will be required. The costs associated with the training will be paid through Lowell Day School Professional Development funds and will not exceed \$198.00.

Sincerely,

Patricia Clark-Nowoswiat
School Coordinator