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Memorandum

To: Jeannine Durkin, Acting Superintendent and Robin Desmond, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

From: Phala Chea, Coordinator of English Language Education Program and Rosa Segarra-Morales, District Support Specialist

Re: FY19 Fund Code 231 Leading Educational Access Project (LEAP) DCP Incentive Grant

Date: March 27, 2019

Lowell Public Schools has been awarded an FY19 Fund Code 231 Leading Educational Access Project (LEAP) DCP Incentive Grant of \$10,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The LEAP Grant will support our district's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of all students by systemically strengthening the knowledge and skills of educators in building inclusive environments and delivering culturally responsive instruction and in improving our outcomes for all students, especially our most vulnerable students — inclusive of low-income students, English Learners (ELs), students of color, and students with disabilities. The LEAP grant affords the district the opportunity to partner with Assabet Valley Collaborative to provide a “Leadership for Inclusive Practices Seminar: Leveraging the Cultural Proficiency Framework” to Literacy and Instructional Specialists and some district staff on June 3, 7 and 11, 2019. The seminar will extend the cultural proficiency work we began this year. The LEAP Grant ends August 2019.