



Behavioral and Mental Health Services Grant

To: School Committee Members

From: Jeannine M. Durkin, Acting Superintendent

Date: April 4, 2019

I am pleased to inform you that Lowell Public Schools has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) and FY 20 (pending continued appropriation) Fund Code 336 Improving Student Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Services grant, in the total amount of \$110,000.

The purpose of the grant is to create a Mental Health Intervention Model (MHIM) that will provide meetings with parents, school staff, and community agencies already or potentially involved with an identified student in crisis. The MHM team will be made up of grant staff and staff from local agencies. Meetings will occur weekly with referrals generally made by school staff and potentially by local agencies. The purposes of the meetings are to coordinate our efforts as a district and community to ensure adequate mental health support for students and their families.

Special thanks to our Safety Coordinator Ingrid Markman and Special Programs Coordinator Carolyn Rocheleau for their work to secure this grant award.

Enclosed please find the award letter from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.