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**TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools**

**FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer**

**DATE: Mar 30, 2023**

**RE: Approval to Accept and Expend Allocated FY23 Awards**

I respectfully request that the School Committee vote to approve and accept the enclosed list of FY23 grant allocations received to date.

These funds include Federal and State awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

**Supporting Students' Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Behavioral & Mental Health, and Wellness —  
Competitive**

**DESE Fund Code: 311-776341-2023-0160**

**Allocation Amount: \$30,000**

**Duration: 3/13/23 to 6/30/23**

The purpose of this state-funded competitive grant program is to adapt, expand, or strengthen multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS ) to respond to the social-emotional and behavioral health needs of students, families, and educators and to build strong partnerships with community-based mental health agencies and/or providers to create comprehensive mental health systems.

**Civics Project Showcase Grant**

**DESE Fund Code: 591-777094-2023-0160**

**Allocation Amount: \$5,000**

**Duration: 3/10/23 to 6/30/23**

The purpose of this grant is to support LEAs in celebrating the work of 8th–12th grade students who are completing student-led civics projects, as required by Chapter 296 of the Acts of 2018.

**Summer Food Service Program: Expansion, Access, Training and Start-up**

**DESE Fund Code: 542-777384-2023-0160**

**Allocation Amount: \$10,529.80**

**Duration: 3/10/23 to 6/30/23**

The purpose of this State-funded Targeted grant program is to encourage new and existing Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors to increase participation in the program by serving more children per day, increasing total meals served, extending the length of the SFSP, and/or creating new sites. The creation of new sites will increase program availability to participants not currently receiving program services. This is solely a planning and sustainability grant.

**Growing Literacy Across America**

**DESE Fund Code: 508-778812-2023-0160**

**Allocation Amount: \$55,000**

**Duration: 3/15/23 to 6/30/23**

This grant will support recipients to increase local access to high quality preschool, through preschool classrooms run by districts, enabling the preschool system to better serve all children, especially historically underserved students; and ensuring that all children can reach their potential in language and literacy development.