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TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer *Billie Jo Turner*
DATE: April 27, 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 subsequently to the previous request for approval.

These funds include Federal and State awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education and the One8 Foundation.

OpenSciEd- The One8 Foundation - Administered through Boston College

Allocation Amount: \$286,1000

Duration: 4/1/23 to 3/31/26

The purpose of this grant is to fund professional development and durable science supplies to support our adoption of OpenSciEd at Grades 6, 7 and 8 in our middle schools. OpenSciEd is an inquiry-based science program that has been rated as High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. It is an exciting moment for our schools to transition to phenomena-based instruction that actively engages students in collaborative problem solving and sensemaking of science.

Development and Expansion of High Quality Summer Learning - DESE Fund Codes 523/525/527

Allocation Amount: \$100,000

Duration: Upon Approval to 8/31/23

The purpose of this state and federal competitive grant is to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities and partnerships in districts to address both the academic and social-emotional impacts of COVID-19 on students.