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MEMORANDUM

To: Alice Brown-LeGrand, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services
From: Solangel Alonzo, Community Schools Manager
Date: January 8, 2026
Subject: United Way Grant Award to Community Schools

The Community Schools program in the Office of Student Support Service has received a grant award of \$35,000 from United Way of Massachusetts Bay, funded by the Lubin Foundation. The purpose of this award is to expand contractual services including community partnerships and enrichment program transportation at the district's eight Community Schools: Bartlett Community Partnership School, Butler Middle School, Career Academy, Greenhalge Elementary, Lowell High School Freshman Academy, Reilly Elementary School, STEM Academy, and Sullivan Middle School. In addition to the \$35,000 direct award for contractual services, United Way will sponsor travel and registration costs for Community Schools Managers to attend the National Community Schools conference on May 27-29, pending further School Committee approval.

The award to Lowell Public Schools from the Lubin Foundation via United Way of Massachusetts Bay is in acknowledgement of the promising progress and outcomes of the community schools strategy in Lowell. The strategy has contributed to overall school improvement including improved attendance, school connectedness, credit attainment, graduation. Last school year, Lowell Community Schools engaged more than 5000 students, 2300 families, and 2500 community residents.