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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$244,821.31 from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to Newton Public Schools for homeless student transportation.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in December 2001 as part of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, ensures educational rights and protection for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The Massachusetts Educational Plan provides services aimed at preventing homeless children from experiencing further instability in their lives by minimizing their moves from school to school.

The Foster Care Transportation reimbursement is new, starting in FY21.

Appropriating these funds, as the City does annually, to the School Department allows for the Newton Public Schools to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY23.

- McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation (0130101-433007) for \$209,832.31
- Foster Care Transportation (0130101-433008) for \$34,989.00

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



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 100 Walnut Street
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TO: School Committee
FROM: Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
DATE: November 17, 2022
RE: Vote to Accept McKinney-Vento State Reimbursement for Homeless Students and Foster Care Transportation

Due to a procedural change we are requesting a new vote of the School Committee to approve a request to the Mayor's office to docket a vote of City Council to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$209,832.31 for McKinney Vento Homeless Student Transportation (0130101-433007) and \$34,989.00 for Foster Care Transportation (0130101-433008) to the School Department. Current receipts total \$244,821.31. Please see breakdown below.

	FY21			FY22						Transfer Request
	Date Rcvd	\$	Free Cash Certified	Date Rcvd	\$	Free Cash Certified	Date Rcvd	\$	Free Cash Certified	
McKinney Vento				8/3/21	\$40,574.31	Y	6/29/22	\$169,258.00	Y	\$209,832.31
Foster Care	6/22/21	\$20,252.00	Y	6/28/22	\$14,737.00	Y				\$34,989.00
									Total	\$244,821.31

Appropriating these funds to the School Department will allow for the district to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY23.

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CC: Stephen Curley, Comptroller
 Maureen Lemeux, Chief Financial Officer
 Carol Moore, City Clerk