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\$3 million in ARPA funds to Newton Public Schools – February 16, 2022

Since the pandemic began in early 2020, the teachers, aides, custodians, administrators and staff that together help to educate and support our young people at Newton Public Schools have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public service, public health and public education.

On Friday, January 21, I announced that I had allocated approximately \$1 million in ARPA funds for one-time stipends for City-side employees in recognition of their extraordinary commitment to public service and public health.

Before I made that announcement, I let the leadership of the Newton Public Schools and the leadership of the Newton School Committee know that I am allocating an additional \$3 million in ARPA funds to NPS so they too could have the means to provide stipends to NPS employees and/or to support other educational purposes. The School Committee and the NPS Administration have been discussing the use of these funds for a number of weeks.