



# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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**May 24, 2010**

**TO: THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR MARJORIE DECKER  
CHAIR, FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET HEARING**

Attached you will find information that was requested at the School Department Budget hearing held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 as follows:

- ❖ Estimated cost for opening a Montessori Classroom; and
- ❖ Break down of the Travel and Training account.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager  
Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager  
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk  
David Kale, Budget Director  
Louis DePasquale, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs

**Estimated costs of opening a Montessori Classroom for ages 3,4 & 5 (Children's House)**

**Materials and furniture : \$45,000\***

**Montessori Training Tuition & stipend: \$23,200 per teacher per year for two years**

**Need for extra Kindergarten classrooms: Each Montessori classroom reserves eight seats for three year-olds. Currently, there are 40 seats reserved for three year-olds in the Montessori program, which results in the need for two additional regular kindergarten classrooms. Each regular classroom is staffed with a teacher and an aide, for an annual average cost of approximately \$108,800 in salaries and benefits.**

**\*Cost of new regular kindergarten classroom : \$10,000**

**Cambridge Public Schools**

	<b>FY 2010 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2011 Budget</b>
<b>Travel and Training Statutory Account</b>		
Business Travel in City	53,904	\$ 59,307
Workshop Stipends (per CTA contract)	331,202	\$ 283,642
Seminars & Training	477,946	\$ 343,991
Tuition Reimbursement (per CTA contract)	165,000	\$ 165,000
Dues and Subscriptions	83,158	\$ 81,959
Court Judgements/Damage Settlements	8,700	\$ 9,221
Lump sum Worker's Comp Settlements	85,300	\$ 85,300
Employee Medical Services	193,770	\$ 193,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,980</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,190</b>