

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR LABORATORY TESTING OF DRINKING
WATER SAMPLES**

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Background Information:

On behalf of the Facilities Department, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval of a contract expansion for laboratory testing of drinking water to Martel Laboratories JDS, Inc., 1025 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21286, in the revised amount of \$105,644.

Discussion:

The Facilities Department would like to expand the contract with Martel Laboratories JDS, Inc. due to the Maryland House Bill 270, Environment Article 6-1501 – 6-1502, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires all occupied public and non-public schools serving children in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, that receive drinking water from a public utility to test for the presence of lead in all drinking water outlets.

The sampling for lead testing required all school buildings serving students be completed by July 1, 2018. Harford County Public Schools requested an extension to complete the testing, which was granted, to extend the deadline to December 31, 2019.

The volume of samples needed to be tested for the district was much greater than originally anticipated. The amount of funding requested is the total amount that will complete all sampling and re-sampling needed to be in compliance of this law. The original contract was not anticipated to exceed \$100,000; however, the expansion of the contract is due to the additional testing requirements.

The contracting vehicle for laboratory testing of drinking water samples is HCPS Bid #13-JHC-023.

The funding source for this contract is from the FY20 Operating Accounts.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract expansion with Martel Laboratories JDS, Inc., in the amount of \$105,844.