

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CARNEGIE LEARNING MATH SOLUTIONS TEXTBOOKS

JUNE 8, 2020

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, requests a decision by the Board of Education for a contract award to Carnegie Learning, Inc., located at 501 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of \$131,247. This is for the purchase of Carnegie Learning Math Solutions Series Grade 8 Course 3, High School Algebra 1 student math textbooks, and annual student software licenses. Copyright materials are not a competitively bid commodity and pricing is established by the publisher.

Discussion:

Carnegie Learning, Inc. is a leading publisher of full year mathematics programs. The Carnegie Learning Math Solutions Series program is aligned to the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. Lessons are designed to provide a comprehensive grade level program for whole group, small group, and individualized instruction. Computer lessons are individualized and provide immediate feedback of the students, for on-going assessment data utilized by teachers. The Algebra I program was introduced into the curriculum during the 2004/2005 school year and the Math 8 program was introduced into the curriculum during the 2016/2017 school year. The cost for the High School Algebra I course is \$67,944 and the cost for the Math Grade 8 Course 3 is \$63,303.

The funding sources for this purchase are the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment's FY20 Operating Budget, and the Instructional Software account of the Office of Technology's FY20 Operating Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Purchasing Department and award the contract to Carnegie Learning, Inc. in the amount of \$134,247.