

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR ENGLISH RESOURCES
FOR ELEMENTARY READING**

June 8, 2020

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment is requesting approval to award a contract to Book Source Publishers located at 1230 Macklind Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63110, in the amount of \$186,232.

Discussion:

The Units of Study in Reading program was selected by the Elementary Reading Ad-Hoc Committee and approved in June 2019 by the General Curriculum Committee. The *Units of Study in Reading* is aligned to Maryland College and Career Ready Standards and incorporates opportunities for reading aloud, shared reading, guided reading and independent reading of text. For the 2019-2020 school year, eight (8) elementary schools piloted the new program. For the 2020-2021 school year, eight (8) additional elementary schools have been identified to implement the program.

The basis for the pricing is via piggybacking a contract established by Omnia Partners (formerly US Communities) Contract # R170703.

Funding for this purchase is out of the FY20 Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment's Operating Budget and the Textbook Capital 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 Book Source Publishers in the amount of \$186,232.

The Omnia Partners contract is effective through July 31, 2020 with the option to be renewed for two (2) additional, one (1) year terms.