

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR NEARPOD SUBSCRIPTION**

**JULY 12, 2021**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is requesting approval to award a contract to Nearpod, Inc., 1855 Griffin Road., Suite A-290, Dania Beach, FL 33004, in the amount of \$174,075.

Discussion:

NearPod is a web-based technology application that will allow teachers to create learning resources that provide opportunities for student interaction, formative assessment, and immediate feedback. NearPod provides opportunities for students to interact with PowerPoint slides, YouTube, and other multimedia as well as to participate in polls, draw on slides, and annotate text or diagrams. As students are participating, teachers can interact with students and view responses in real time.

NearPod will be an additional tool added to our digital ecosystem. HCPS instructional staff as well as HCPS students throughout the district will be able to utilize this technology application. This is a one (1) year subscription that will be good through June 30, 2022.

Nearpod was reviewed and selected by a committee made up of Instructional Technology Teacher Specialists and School Librarians. Additionally, teachers, literacy coaches, supervisors, administrators, and coaches provided input and approval of this software.

Due to the specialized and unique nature of this software, this is considered a sole source purchase.

The funds for this purchase are from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II Fund).

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 Nearpod, Inc., in the amount of \$174,075.