

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of Professional Development, and the Grants and Partnerships Office, is requesting approval of a sole source award to the Teachers College Reading & Writing Project Network, located at 125 Strathmore Road, Middlebury, CT 06762, in the amount of \$218,400.

Discussion:

Harford County Public Schools, in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education, has been awarded multiple grants. HCPS will contract with the Teachers College Reading & Writing Project Network to provide job-embedded professional learning. This contract will provide a continued partnership for the fourth year with Hall's Cross Roads, Edgewood, Magnolia and William Paca/Old Post Elementary Schools and include the following four (4) elementary schools, Bakerfield, Church Creek, Deerfield and Riverside for the second year.

K-3 teachers from these schools will participate in virtual/site based professional learning focused on improving the performance of students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and children in poverty. During the 2021-2022 school year, the teachers will receive support on five (5) scheduled days of professional learning and will receive supplementary resources to support instruction in phonics, reading, and writing.

Due to the specialized and unique nature of this program, the Teachers College Reading & Writing Project Network is considered a sole source provider of this service.

The funding source for this contract will be funded from multiple sources – Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Transitional Supplemental Instruction for Struggling Learners Grant, Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Concentration of Poverty Grant, Title I Grant and FY22 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 the Teachers College Reading & Writing Project Network, in the amount of \$218,400.