

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON A CONTRACT FOR CONTRACTUAL SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST**

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Special Education, the Procurement Department is requesting approval of a contract for one (1) full-time contractual Speech Language Pathologist from Pediatric Development Services, located at 12520 Prosperity Drive, #210, Silver Spring, MD, 20904, in the amount of \$103,086.

Discussion:

Federal and State laws and regulations require school systems provide various types of services for Students with Disabilities (SWD) and the Infants and Toddlers (IFT) program to support the educational needs as set forth in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). These services include, but are not limited to, speech language pathology. The full-time Speech Language pathologist will be utilized to provide Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) coverage for several elementary schools throughout the district.

Currently, at the state and local levels, a shortage of speech language pathologists exists. Due to the shortage and the inability to hire through the current contracted suppliers, the services provided by this vendor are considered a single source.

These services will be paid utilizing the FY22 Special Education Passthrough funds.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract to Pediatric Development Services in the amount of \$103,086.