

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

JULY 18, 2022

Background Information:

The Procurement Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is requesting approval to award a contract to Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC, located at P.O. Box 6926, Portsmouth, NH 03802, in the amount of \$134,013.

Discussion:

The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) have developed state-of-the-art classroom libraries for each grade level. Curated by Lucy Calkins and TCRWP colleagues, along with a team of literacy leaders and children's literature experts, the libraries contain collections based on level, genre, topic and are available in versions for students reading both at and below benchmark reading levels.

This purchase will provide Read-Aloud Bundle classroom libraries to all students, Kindergarten through Grade 2, across the district.

Copyright materials are not a competitively bid commodity and pricing is established by the publisher.

The funding source for this purchase is the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III).

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Procurement Department and award the contract to Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC, in the amount of \$134,013.