

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CONSULTING, TRAINING, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 19, 2022

Background Information:

The Procurement Department, on behalf of the Department of Special Education, is requesting approval of a contract extension to Humanim Inc., located at 6355 Woodside Court, Columbia, MD 21046.

The services provided by Humanim Inc. are expected to exceed \$100,000 during the 2022-2023 school year.

Discussion:

Harford County Public Schools contracts with Humanim to provide Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) for consultation and training on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Verbal Behavior (VB) methodology, along with behavioral strategies and support to schools and personnel who work with students on the autism spectrum. Humanim has an in-depth knowledge of the programming and procedures for these highly structured classes, and how to implement the systems in general education, to support students with specific needs. Humanim also provides the Start on Success Program for job transitioning and job shadowing services. This program provides high school students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in career and workplace readiness training to develop social and self-advocacy skills for independent living.

Due to the specialized and unique nature of the services, Humanim, Inc. is considered a single source provider.

The services will be funded from multiple sources – Special Education Federal Passthrough Grant, Federal ARP Special Education Grant and State Discretionary Special Education Secondary Transition Grant.

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 extension to Humanim, Inc.