

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
DECISION ON PURCHASE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Background Information:

The Procurement Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is requesting approval to make purchases from Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC., P.O. Box 6926, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03802, to provide copyrighted instruction materials.

The most recent purchase request of \$85,065.72, will cause the total purchases with this vendor to exceed \$100,000 for this school year. Additional purchases may be made on an as-needed basis. Board approval will be requested for any single purchase that exceeds \$100,000.

Discussion:

Heinemann provides a multitude of materials of instruction, books, and reading materials, including the classroom libraries, virtual teaching resources and the Units of Study in Reading, Phonics, and Writing classroom series.

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

The funding sources for the recent purchase request will be as follows: \$72,095 from the Transitional Supplemental Instruction Grant and \$12,970.72 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Grant.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the purchases through Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC.