

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DIGITAL RESOURCE RENEWAL

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	August 12, 2024
<b>Contract Number and Title:</b>	N/A

<b>Procurement Type:</b>	Single Source
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<b>Estimated Value of Contract</b>	\$104,933.01
<b>Funding Source:</b>	FY25 Operating Budget
<b>Department:</b>	Student Support Services and the Department of Special Education

**Description:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This platform is made available to all students and staff throughout the district.</li><li>• The software provides support to a wide variety of students including students receiving special education services, students who are multi-language learners, and those students who may struggle with content but who do not receive specialized support.</li><li>• Some of the tools included in this software are text-to-speech, text and picture dictionaries, word prediction, translation tools, speech-to-text to assist with writing, proofreading, and studying, as well as providing highlighters that place highlighted text into a Word document for notetaking.</li><li>• The platform tools maximize engagement with the educational materials and have interoperability with HCPS' student learning management system, Canvas.</li><li>• Additionally, this software provides teachers with tools to effectively make instructional materials accessible to all students.</li><li>• The subscription for this software will continue to be renewed annually until it is terminated by the district and based on funding availability.</li><li>• Due to the specialized and unique nature of this software, this is considered a Single Source Procurement.</li></ul>
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**Recommended Award To:**

Texthelp, Inc.	Woburn, MA
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