

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON**

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR WILLIAM PACA ELEMENTARY**

**DECEMBER 14, 2009**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, the Title 1 Office and William Paca Elementary School, is requesting a decision by the Board of Education for the award of a contract to Dell K-12 Education Division, located at One Dell Way, MS 8716, Round Rock, Texas 78682 in the amount of \$186,745.66 for the purchase of new laptop computers for William Paca Elementary School.

The basis for the cost of the equipment to be purchased has been established through utilization of contract number USM 2007-12 awarded by the Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC).

Discussion:

Additional laptop computer carts will allow more students to access technology increasing their technology skills. Mobile laptops will provide additional opportunities to complete activities and projects in the classroom as well as allow students easy access to technology-based interventions.

The Office of Technology and the Title 1 Office are requesting the purchase of 159 Dell Latitude E5400 laptop computers with a 9-cell battery, in the amount of \$177,084.66. To support this initiative, seven mobile 24-station security carts with wireless access points in the amount of \$9,661.00 are required. The funds for the contract are from the American Reinvestment Recovery Act/Stimulus - Title 1 allocation for fiscal year 2010.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of Dell laptop computers for William Paca Elementary in the amount of \$186,745.66 to Dell K-12 Education Division.