

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR ELEMENTARY
MATHEMATICS ENVISION 2.0 PROGRAM
MAY 9, 2016

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a four-year contract to Pearson for adoption of the *enVisionmath2.0* elementary mathematics program. The total cost of the contract is \$1,262,583, which includes shipping and handling charges. The purchase will provide each of our 16,708 elementary school students with consumable journals and access to on-line courseware and resources in each of the next four years, at a cost of \$17.50 per student per year. At no extra charge, Pearson will provide classroom materials, a teacher's edition for each elementary school generalist and special education teacher, professional development services, and on-line resources for teachers and parents. These materials have a retail value of \$2,419,805.

Discussion:

Since 2006, *Everyday Mathematics* has been the primary mathematics resource for grades K-6. With state adoption of the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics (MCCR), *Everyday Mathematics* no longer meets the needs of HCPS students and teachers.

Over the past two years, the Office of Mathematics has monitored the development and availability of MCCR aligned resources. In February 2016, the Elementary Textbook Selection Committee was formed. The committee was comprised of 40 HCPS education professionals including K-5 general education teachers, special educators, mentors, instructional facilitators, math coaches, school-based administrators, and mathematics curriculum specialists.

The committee reviewed five promising MCCR-aligned mathematics programs: *Everyday Mathematics 4* (McGraw Hill), *Stepping Stones* (Origo Education), *enVisionmath2.0* (Pearson), *Eureka Math* (Great Minds and Engage NY), and *Go Math* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Following vendor presentations, the committee further examined each program using nationally-recognized evaluation tools. The committee unanimously recommended that *enVisionmath 2.0* be approved for use in HCPS classes. On April 12, 2016, the findings of the Elementary Textbook Selection committee and the recommendation to adopt *enVisionmath 2.0* were presented to the General Curriculum Committee, which approved the recommendation of the Elementary Textbook Selection committee.

Agreeing to the four year contract reduces the per student cost from \$22.97 to \$17.50. Copyright material is not a competitively bid commodity, and pricing is established by the publisher.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of a four-year contract to Pearson in the amount of \$1,262,583.