

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON COMPUTER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE/REFRESH**

**JULY 23, 2018**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, requests a decision by the Board of Education for a contract award to Dell Marketing, L.P., located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX 78682, in the amount of \$1,137,380, for the purchase of new instructional computers.

The pricing associated with this purchase is via piggybacking the Hardware Agreement 2017-2026, contract #UMD-972016, established by the University System of Maryland MEEC (Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium) for Network Hardware.

Discussion:

The Office of Technology is requesting the purchase of one thousand nine hundred fifty (1,950) Dell Latitude laptops, to provide a laptop to every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student. This is year two of a four-year implementation plan toward every student having a dedicated device. The implementation plan supports the digital transformation of the curriculum being performed by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

An additional one hundred sixteen (116) laptops are being requested for the refresh of antiquated teacher computers throughout Patterson Mill Middle/High School.

The funding sources for these purchases are \$210,245.96 from the FY19 operating budget and \$927,134.04 from the FY19 capital budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Purchasing Department and award the contract to Dell Marketing, L.P., in the amount of \$1,137,380.