

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR RED PUMP ELEMENTARY

MAY 23, 2011

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department is requesting a decision by the Board to award a contract to Playground Specialists Inc., in the amount of \$206,137.75. Playground Specialists Inc., is the manufacturer representative and installation firm for Playworld Systems, a commercial brand of playground equipment. Playground Specialists Inc., is located at 17352 N. Seton Avenue, in Emmitsburg, MD 21727. This request is for the purchase and installation of structures for three new playgrounds at Red Pump Elementary School.

The basis for the cost of the playground equipment to be purchased has been established through piggybacking a publicly solicited contract, RFP# 09-MISC-10, by Frederick County Public Schools.

Discussion:

Red Pump Elementary is requesting the purchase and installation of three (3) playgrounds. Playground equipment for Pre-K and Kindergarten students is in the amount of \$59,255.57. The playground for primary students, grades 1 and 2, is recommended in the amount of \$61,206.19. A playground for intermediate students, grades 3 through 5, is in the amount of \$85,675.99. The three playgrounds total \$206,137.75. Each playground is to be furnished, delivered and installed, including safety surfacing, borders and any site work required, ready for its intended use prior to the start of school in August.

All playground equipment and plans are evaluated using the established HCPS process considering appropriateness of the design, developmental needs, student safety, and future maintenance requirements, ADA regulations, industry standards and HCPS requirements have been addressed. Funds for this project are budgeted in the Red Pump Elementary capital budget, fiscal year 2012.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of new playground equipment at Red Pump Elementary School in the amount of \$206,137.75.