

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON**

**UPGRADE OF STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**OCTOBER 10, 2011**

Background Information:

The Office of Technology is requesting a decision by the Board of Education for the award of a contract to SunGard Public Sector, Inc., d/b/a SunGard K-12 Education, located at 3 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, in the amount of \$263,301.00, for the purchase of software, training and related services necessary to upgrade the Student Information System.

A single source procurement method is requested to maintain operational compatibility with SunGard, our current student information system. The pricing model for this agreement reflects discounts extended to school districts and other public agencies.

Discussion:

The SunGard *eSchoolPlus* software and subsequent project execution will replace the antiquated student information system (a legacy SunGard product) presently used by HCPS. SunGard discontinued development of the legacy product in 2006. The lack of system enhancement in a continuously evolving data intensive environment necessitates the purchase of a product with an active development lifecycle. The implementation of *eSchoolPlus* will provide a “state-of-the-art” student information system capable of meeting all known and anticipated requirements. SunGard continuously enhances *eSchoolPlus* via a product development cycle in order to comply with updated State, Federal, and local educational agency requirements.

HCPS will save \$36,000 per year in operating costs with *eSchoolPlus* because the license maintenance fee is less than the legacy product. The project and this purchase are aligned with the Harford County Board of Education Strategic Plan and goals.

The anticipated expenditure in the amount of \$263,301.00, is a planned lifecycle replacement and the anticipated expenditures are incorporated into “year two” of the *Race to the Top* grant (Project #5 - Data Systems).

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract to SunGard K-12 Education for the purchase of an upgrade of the Student Information System in the amount of \$263,301.00.