

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

**PLANETARIA UPGRADES AT EDGEWOOD MIDDLE, SOUTHAMPTON
MIDDLE, ABERDEEN HIGH**

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department on behalf of the Supervisor of Science, is requesting a decision by the Board to award a contract to Ash Enterprises, 1221 Stanhope Ave. Richmond VA. 23227 in the amount of \$296,595.00 for various upgrades to planetariums at Edgewood, Southampton and Aberdeen.

Discussion:

It is the intent to upgrade all planetaria to provide equity of technology as well as conducting basic maintenance including painting and cleaning. The proposed contractor has been performing annual maintenance for the past six years and has consistently provided exceptional service. The Supervisor of Science has full confidence in their technical abilities and they are the only company that has in-depth knowledge of our facilities. The FY 08 Capital Budget has an allocation for Planetaria Refresh.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract award to Ash Enterprises for repairs, maintenance and technology upgrades to the planetariums at the sites listed.