

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION TO INCREASE SERVICES  
FOR THE EXTENDED DAY TUTORING CONTRACT

JUNE 23, 2014

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Title 1, the Purchasing department is requesting a decision to increase the services originally awarded to Educate Online, LLC, of Baltimore, Maryland. The services for Extended Day Tutoring were originally bid in September of 2012 via RFP #13-JLJ-003 and are now being expanded in quantity. The requested services are of the same scope as in the original solicitation.

Discussion:

Educate Online is a leader in educational consulting services providing HCPS students from 5 Title 1 schools with online, at-home tutoring services in the areas of reading and math with a mini-laptop provided from Educate Online. These laptops allow students to access tutoring from where ever they may be located. The program also includes academic services for homeless students and students from Title 1 schools that cannot participate in existing day programs.

The request is to expand the service to 3 additional schools that are designated Approaching Target and Focus by MSDE. The cost estimate for the additional 3 schools is \$138,000 annually. The previous annual cost for this program was \$180,000. Funding for this expansion of services will be from Supplemental Title 1 grant funds.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract expansion with Educate Online, LLC for the estimated amount of \$138,000.