

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON EXPLORE LEARNING GIZMOS SITE LICENSE RENEWAL**

**JULY 13, 2020**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, is requesting approval to award a contract to Explore Learning, located at 23939 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673, in the amount of \$102,234.50.

Discussion:

In 2006, Harford County Public Schools implemented the Explore Learning Gizmos program. Gizmos are interactive math and science simulations, which align to the latest standards to help educators bring powerful new learning experiences to the classroom. This renewal will provide the Middle and High School's site license for both Math and Science teachers, along with the district department license for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science, as well as six (6) on-site professional development days.

The current software maintenance agreement expires on August 31, 2020. The annual site license renewal for the Middle and High Schools will cover the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. The district Science department license for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade portion will cover the period of January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

The funding source for this annual renewal is the Office of Technology's FY21 operating 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 Explore Learning, in the amount of \$102,234.50.