

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON FRECKLE LICENSE SUBSCRIPTION EXPANSION

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Personalized Learning, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a contract to Renaissance Learning, Inc., located at 400 Montgomery Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94104, in the amount of \$125,607.60.

Discussion:

In 2018, Harford County Public Schools implemented the Freckle by Renaissance math differentiation program. This program is a differentiation platform that makes it easier for teachers to reach each student at their own individual level. Every lesson within Freckle is available in different levels, so every student can learn and understand the material at their own pace. The Office of Personalized Learning would like to expand this program to a total of 9,102 students for grades 6-8. This license subscription will include the Renaissance Smart Start Product Training which allows access to training videos, tutorials, and materials to help teachers get started successfully.

The annual site license subscription will cover the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Due to the specialized and unique nature of this program and continuity purposes, the Freckle by Renaissance math differentiation program is considered a sole source provider.

The funding source for this agreement is the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Grant which expires on December 31, 2020.

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 Renaissance Learning, Inc., in the amount of \$125,607.60.