

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON A CONTRACT FOR CONTRACTUAL OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPIST SERVICES**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Special Education, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval of a contract for one (1) contractual Occupational Therapist from Maryland Therapy Network, 2225 Old Emmorton Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21015, in the amount of \$104,328.

Discussion:

Federal and State laws and regulations require school systems provide various types of services for Students with Disabilities (SWD) and the Infant and Toddlers (IFT) program to support the educational needs as set forth in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). These services include, but are not limited to, occupational therapy. This full-time therapist will be utilized to cover the increased caseload/workload in a virtual capacity to ensure all virtual/hybrid sessions are being met, during the 2020-2021 school year.

Pricing is based on hourly labor rates established from Harford County Public School's Bid#17-DSP-015, Special Education Services – Contractual Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapists.

The funding source for these services is the Special Education restricted funds budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract to Maryland Therapy Network for \$104,328.