

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON ISTATION STUDENT READING 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 Istation, located at 8150 North Central Expressway, Suite 2000 Dallas, TX 75206, in the amount of \$330,080.00.

Discussion:

In 2013, Harford County Public Schools implemented the Istation Student Reading differentiation program. This program is a differentiation platform that makes it easier for teachers to reach each student at their own individual level. Each student takes an adaptive assessment which then places them in interactive online instruction. This program also provides reports so that teachers can monitor student progress. This contract will also provide teachers with professional development including onboarding, webinars, and data consultations and reviews to help ensure success with the expanded program. The Office of Personalized Learning would like to expand this program to a total of 16,251 students for grades K-5.

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 Istation Student Reading Expansion 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 Istation in the amount of \$330,080.00.