

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR iPADS**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, is requesting approval to award a contract to Apple, Inc. located at 5505 W. Parmer Lane, Bldg. 7, Austin, TX 78727 in the amount of \$535,800.

Discussion:

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment is requesting the purchase of one thousand one hundred twenty-five (1,125) iPads and accessories for the Pre-Kindergarten students and instructional staff. Of the total, one thousand eighty-seven (1,087) will be utilized by all Pre-Kindergarten students, including the self-contained Special Education Pre-K students and thirty-eight (38) iPads are for Pre-K General Education Paraeducators. This purchase will prepare HCPS students to move into a digital environment. The catalyst for the procurement of the iPads is twofold; COVID-19 has highlighted a shortcoming with receiving instruction remotely without an adequate device and HCPS' desire for every student to be immersed in learning, with a mobile device.

The contracting vehicle for this procurement is the MEEC IT Hardware Contract #UMD 972016, by the University of Maryland College Park. The pricing model for this agreement reflects discounts extended to Maryland school districts and other public education agencies.

The funding sources for this purchase will be as follows: \$23,000 from a grant provided by United Way to support technology for Pre-K students, and the remaining balance of \$512,800 will be utilizing funds made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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 Apple, Inc., in the amount of \$535,800.

The MEEC contract is effective through March 14, 2023 with the option to be renewed for one (1) additional, three (3) year term, which will extend the contract through March 14, 2026.