

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR COMPUTERS FOR THE  
MAGNET AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment is requesting approval to award a contract to Dell Marketing, L.P., located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX, 78682, in the amount of \$1,879,859.

Discussion:

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment is requesting the purchase of one thousand eighty-one (1,081) Dell laptops for use by students in the Magnet and Career Technical Education Programs (CTE). The CTE programs require laptops to run advanced software applications specific to the courses. The current laptops and Chromebooks have limitations that prohibit some course specific software applications from running. Currently, some CTE and Magnet programs have desktop machines that allow specialized software applications to be utilized when students are on school grounds. This purchase will allow all students access to the software at any time without limitations or sharing of equipment.

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.

Funds for this project are provided by Harford County Government, through their allocation of the Treasury Departments Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (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 Dell Marketing, L.P., in the amount of \$1,879,859.

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.