

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON DISCOVERY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE DISTRICT LICENSE

AUGUST 16, 2021

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Personalized Learning, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a contract to Discovery Education Services, located at One Discovery Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910, in the amount of \$360,450.00.

Discussion:

Discovery Education is a web-streaming service which affords teachers with relevant multimedia content, including video, audio, and images, which has been vetted and is useful for teachers and students in instruction. HCPS has had a contract with Discovery Education for many years with the resources integrated into our Learning Management System (LMS) and many specific Discovery Education learning objects connected to curriculum. In the Spring of 2021, a team of Instructional Technology Teacher Specialists and Librarians engaged in a review of the Discovery Education portal and found that the tools, resources, and new features continue to be relevant in supporting learning.

The Office of Personalized Learning is requesting approval for a license for 54 sites to cover all HCPS schools.

The seat license will cover the period of August 17, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and billed annually as follows:

Year 1	\$113,400.00
Year 2	\$120,150.00
Year 3	\$126,900.00

Due to the specialized and unique nature of this software, this is considered a sole source purchase.

The funding source for this agreement is the Office of Personalized Learning’s operating budget.

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 Discovery Education Services, in the amount of \$360,450.00.