

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR NEARPOD SUBSCRIPTION

AUGUST 22, 2022

Background Information:

The Procurement Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is requesting approval to award a contract to Nearpod, Inc., located at 1855 Griffin Road, Suite A-290, Dania Beach, FL 33004, in the amount of \$187,860.

Discussion:

Nearpod is a web-based technology application that allows teachers to create learning resources that provide opportunities for student interaction, formative assessment, and immediate feedback. Nearpod enables students to interact with PowerPoint slides, YouTube, and other multimedia as well as to participate in polls, draw on slides, and annotate text or diagrams. As students participate, teachers can interact with them and view responses in real time.

Nearpod is a tool used as part of our digital ecosystem. HCPS instructional staff, as well as HCPS students throughout the district, can utilize this technology application. This is a one (1) year subscription that will be effective through August 21, 2023.

Nearpod was reviewed and selected by a committee consisting of Instructional Technology Teacher Specialists and School Librarians. Additionally, teachers, literacy coaches, supervisors, administrators, and coaches provided input and approval of this software.

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

The funding for this contract will be from the Office of Technology's FY23 Operating Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Procurement Department and award the contract to Nearpod, Inc., in the amount of \$187,860.