

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON A CONTRACT FOR CONTRACTUAL SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPIST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Special Education, the Procurement Department is requesting approval of a contract for one (1) contractual Speech Language Therapist from Maxim Healthcare Services, located at 7227 Lee Deforest Dr., Columbia, MD 21046, in the amount of \$135,375.

Discussion:

Federal and State laws and regulations require school systems provide various types of services for Students with Disabilities (SWD) and the Infant and Toddlers (IFT) program to support the educational needs as set forth in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). These services include, but are not limited to, speech language therapy. The full-time Speech Language Therapist will be utilized to cover the increased caseload/workload at Edgewood and Prospect Mill Elementary Schools for the duration of the 2022-2023 school year.

Hourly rates for the Contractual Speech Language Therapists were established through HCPS Bid #20-DSS-019 Contractual Services: School Psychologists. The solicitation includes language to add additional contractual services as needed.

These services will be paid utilizing the FY23 Special Education Passthrough funds.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract to Maxim Healthcare Services for \$135,375.

This contract is effective through January 24, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year term.