

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

### **DECISION ON CONTRACT FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM LIBRARIES**

**OCTOBER 24, 2022**

#### Background Information:

The Procurement Department, on behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, is requesting approval to award a contract to Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC, located at P.O. Box 6926, Portsmouth, NH 03802, in the amount of \$131,796.72.

#### Discussion:

The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) have developed state-of-the-art classroom libraries for each grade level. Curated by Lucy Calkins and TCRWP colleagues, along with a team of literacy leaders and children's literature experts, the libraries contain collections based on level, genre, topic and are available in versions for students reading both at and below benchmark reading levels.

This purchase will provide Jump Rope Readers classroom libraries to all students, Kindergarten and Grade 1, across the district. The Jump Rope Readers series gradually and systematically introduces beginning readers to new letter sounds and high frequency words. The books in this series are engaging and meaningful books that help beginning readers develop their fundamental word recognition skills.

Copyright materials are not a competitively bid commodity and pricing is established by the publisher.

The funding source for this purchase is the Blueprint Transitional Supplemental Instruction (TSI) Grant.

#### 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 Heinemann Publishers, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, LLC, in the amount of \$131,796.72.