

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON A CONTRACT FOR CONTRACTUAL PARAPROFESSIONALS

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Special Education, the Procurement Department is requesting approval to continue the use of a contract for contractual Paraprofessionals from EDU Healthcare LLC, located at 7930 W. Kenton Circle, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Due to several vacancies throughout the district, the total expenditure is expected to exceed \$100,000.

Discussion:

Currently, Harford County Public Schools is experiencing difficulties securing Paraprofessionals. Consequently, HCPS would like to continue utilizing staffing agencies to fill vacant positions. HCPS currently has two (2) contracted Paraprofessionals through EDU Healthcare, LLC, for the 2022-2023 school year, with additional vacancies remaining. EDU Healthcare will continue to locate, pre-screen candidates, and forward resumes to HCPS for final selection and approval.

The hourly rate for the Contractual Paraprofessionals was established through HCPS Bid #20-DSS-019 Contractual Services: School Psychologists. The solicitation included language to add additional contractual services as needed. An amendment to this contract was established to add the services of Paraprofessionals.

The services will be paid utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the continued use of the contract with EDU Healthcare, LLC.

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