

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON A CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES

DECEMBER 19, 2022

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, the Procurement Department is requesting approval of a contract to Focus Care Inc., DBA FEV Tutors, Inc. located at 500 W. Cummings Park, Suite 2700, Woodburn, MA 01801, in the amount of \$270,000.

Discussion:

This contract will provide online tutoring services for students grades 3 through 12 throughout the district. Content areas for the online tutoring services include Mathematics, English/Language Arts, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science. Students will be able to schedule tutoring sessions in advance or they will have access to on-demand tutoring services where they can receive assistance with homework assignments or have a tutor assist them with a topic of their choice. Additionally, schools will be able to identify struggling students and schedule high dosage tutoring, during the school day.

HCPS began a pilot program for these services in September 2022, providing access to four (4) schools: Havre de Grace Elementary, Hickory Elementary, Magnolia Middle, and Swan Creek School. The pilot program has been extremely successful meeting students' needs. On average, the schools participating in the pilot program have been utilizing one hundred (100) hours of tutoring services each week.

The contracting vehicle for this procurement is Harford County Public School's Request for Proposal (RFP) #22-DS-014, Online Tutoring Services. The contract provides 10,000 hours of tutoring at \$27.00 for each hour of tutoring services. Hours may be added to the contract if necessary. Any unused hours will roll over into the next school year.

The funding for these services is the ARP Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring Grant.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of the contract to Focus Care Inc., DBA FEV Tutors, Inc.

The contract will be effective through June 30, 2023, with the option to be renewed for three (3) additional, one (1) year terms.