

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON A CONTRACT AWARD FOR BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIORAL  
ANALYSTS AND REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIANS**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Special Education, the Procurement Department is requesting approval of a contract to Verbal Beginnings, LLC located at 7090 Samuel Morse Dr. Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21046, in the amount of \$124,000.

Discussion:

This contract provides Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBAs) and Registered Behavior Technicians throughout the district. As students are coming to school in the COVID-19 era, HCPS has seen a heightened need for behavioral, social, and emotional services. HCPS only employs two (2) Board Certified Behavior Analysts. With the increased need, the Department of Special Education has been able to provide these needed supports through contracted BCBAs and Registered Behavior Technicians. These consultants can analyze the causes or function of student behaviors, write behavior plans that meet the child's needs, train staff in implementing the plans, and provide ongoing supports. They also conduct small and large group trainings with preschool teachers and staff to better equip them overall in dealing with behaviors and social emotional learning.

The contracting vehicle for this procurement is Harford County Public School's Invitation for Bid (IFB) #19-BWR-005, Consultative Services for Board Certified Behavior Analyst for Supporting Birth to Five and Elementary School Populations.

The funding for these services is through two separate Grants.

ESSER III Grant:	\$99,000
ARP Special Ed IDEA B619 Grant:	\$25,000

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of the contract to Verbal Beginnings, LLC for \$124,000.

The contract will be effective through June 30, 2023.