

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT FOR ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	May 22, 2023
<b>Contract Number and Title:</b>	N/A

<b>Procurement Type:</b>	Exempt – Copyright Material
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<b>Term:</b>	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
<b>Renewals:</b>	No renewal options

<b>Estimated Value of Contract</b>	\$272,162.32
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Grant
<b>Department:</b>	Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction – Reading, English, Language Arts (RELA)

**Description:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This purchase provides a one (1) year renewal for students, grades 6 – 10, digital access to the textbook and <i>Collections</i> dashboard, as well as digital instructional resources.</li><li>• The RELA Office began transitioning to the HMH <i>Collections</i> anthology and online dashboard in 2014. As of 2018, grades 6 – 10 have utilized <i>Collections</i> to support instruction and to implement the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS).</li><li>• Students access their <i>Collections</i> dashboard and eAnthology textbook both in class and at home to read and to annotate assigned literature, to research related topics, and to respond to text-based questions. Without the online text subscription, students would only have access to the textbook during class time since the teacher would need to utilize the book for multiple classes.</li><li>• eAnthology textbooks provide accessibility features such as print enlargement, an audio reader, and embedded glossaries to further support their reading comprehension and to meet their individual needs.</li><li>• According to the Procurement Manual, certain services/items may be exempt from the competitive process, which includes copyrighted materials.</li></ul>
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**Recommended Award To:**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Chicago, IL
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