

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT ELEMENTARY READING PROGRAM

Board Meeting Date:	June 12, 2023
Contract Number and Title:	N/A

Procurement Type:	Exempt – Copyright Material
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Estimated Value of Contract	\$1,877,488.20
Funding Source:	\$41,800 – American Rescue Plan Transitional Supplemental Instruction Grant \$822,000 – FY23 Blueprint Transitional Instruction Grant \$1,013,688.20 – FY23 Operating Budget
Department:	Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction – Reading, English, Language Arts (RELA)

Description:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Curriculum Committee (GCC) approved the formation of the Elementary Reading Textbook Selection Committee. • The Textbook Selection Committee reviewed eighteen (18) programs and selected six (6) programs to move forward for the full review process. • Upon completion of the full review process, which included formal presentations, Benchmark Advance was the highest scoring reading program. • The new reading program will be piloted for six (6) years, at the following eleven (11) elementary schools: Abingdon, Church Creek, Deerfield, Forest Hill, Forest Lakes, Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, Magnolia, Meadowvale, Old Post Road, and North Bend. • The cost of the program includes Professional Development for staff, all teacher resources (print and digital), classroom books (printed), and digital books for each student, for six (6) years. • According to the Procurement Manual, certain services/items may be exempt from the competitive process, which includes copyrighted materials.

Recommended Award To:

Benchmark Education Company	New Rochelle, NY
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