

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON DIGITAL ASSESSMENT LIBRARY RENEWAL

Board Meeting Date:	August 12, 2024
Contract Number and Title:	N/A

Procurement Type:	Sole Source - Copyright
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Estimated Value of Contract	\$116,972.30
Funding Source:	\$43,073.50 - FY25 Operating Budget \$73,898.80 - Federal Special Education Passthrough Grant
Department:	Student Support Services and the Department of Special Education

Description:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Digital Assessment Library for Schools Plus (DALs+) platform is used by school psychologists, special education evaluators, speech/language pathologists, and occupational therapists for the purpose of ruling out or confirming educational disabilities, evaluating progress, and developing a comprehensive understanding of the learning profile of students to craft appropriate Individualized Education Programs (IEP) for students.• Historically, each group of professionals was required to purchase necessary assessment materials for their own use, which required licenses for each user and associated costs for each subtest, rating scales, score reports, and ancillary materials.• HCPS moved to DALs+ in the Fall of 2020, which allows each group of professionals to use the same platform, as a cost saving measure.• The cost of this platform is based on the number of students within the district who are identified with educational disabilities requiring special education and support.• The subscription for this platform will continue to be renewed annually until it is terminated by the district and based on funding availability.• According to the Procurement Manual, certain services/items may be exempt from the competitive process, which includes copyrighted materials.
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NCS Pearson, Inc.	Chicago, IL
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