BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT USE FOR INNER ORBIT SCIENCE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

Board Meeting Date:	May 19, 2025
Contract Number and Title:	N/A

Procurement Type:

Single Source

Estimated Value of Contract	Over \$100,000	
Funding Source:	Operating Budget	
Department:	Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction – Science	

Description:

- HCPS teachers evaluated and tested Inner Orbit during the 2022 2023 school year and began using Inner Orbit for its Science Critical Assessment Platform during the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Inner Orbit Critical Assessment Platform aligns with the HCPS 'home-grown' Science Curriculum by providing a necessary resource in the absence of a publishersupplied bank of assessment questions.
- Inner Orbit is a critical assessment platform utilized by students in grade levels evaluated by the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA). The question formats align with those used on the MISA assessment, and the platform delivers real-time data that enables teachers to identify student misconceptions and provide targeted re-teaching to enhance understanding.
- The total annual expenditure will depend on the needs of the district and funding availability and is expected to exceed \$100,000.
- This program will continue to be renewed annually until it is terminated by the district and based on funding availability.
- Purchases made utilizing this contract will be within approved budget limits.

Recommended Award To:

RocketLit	Thousand Oaks, CA
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