### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

## INFORMATIONAL REPORT

# DECISION ON CONTRACT FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION, DUAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	October 6, 2025
Contract Number and Title:	Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, Dual Certification Program
<b>Procurement Type:</b>	Single Source
Term:	FY26 – FY28
Renewals:	None
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<b>Estimated Value of Contract</b>	Over \$100,000
Funding Source:	Restricted funds
Department:	TeacHCPS

## **Description:**

- The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, Dual Certification Program was developed to create new and innovative support to directly address the significant challenges in teacher recruitment.
- This program provides a multi-year solution to begin to address the teacher shortage by strengthening pathways for current education support professionals seeking advancement and, in addition, expanding local university partnerships.
- The Board of Education of Harford County approved the first 3-year cohort of students for this program on September 16, 2024.
- A second cohort of students is scheduled to begin this Fall.
- 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 until it is terminated by the district and based on funding availability.
- Purchases made utilizing this contract will be within the approved budget limits.

### **Recommended Award To:**

Towson University Towson, MD
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