

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

CONTRACT AWARD FOR TWO PLAYGROUND DESIGNS AND EQUIPMENT
FOR YOUTH'S BENEFIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 11, 2016

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a contract to Playground Specialists, Inc., of 11700 Whates Lane, Thurmont, Maryland 21788, in the amount of \$139,989.00 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for two (2) new playgrounds at the new Youth's Benefit Elementary School.

Discussion:

This project is for playground equipment for Pre-K and Kindergarten students in the amount of \$64,990.40 and for primary students, grades 1 and 2, in the amount of \$74,998.60. The two playgrounds total \$139,989.00. Each playground is to be furnished, delivered and installed, collaborating with the General Site Contractor for the new school construction, ready for its intended use prior to the start of school in August.

All playground designs and equipment are evaluated using the established HCPS process considering appropriateness of the design, developmental needs, student safety, and future maintenance requirements. ADA regulations, industry standards and HCPS' requirements have been addressed.

A selection process was utilized by competing existing available contracts. The contracting vehicle for this project is H-GAC Contract #PR11-14, Parks and Recreation Equipment. The purchasing cooperative Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a current purchasing partner with BRCPC.

The funding source for this project is from the FY16 Capital Equipment Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of a contract to Playground Specialists, Inc., in the amount of \$139,989.00.