

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

June 25, 2026

APPROVED BY BOARD

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Thomas W. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Contract Approval for Request for Qualification No. 1155.5, Online Digital Content Products for the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium—Extension

☐ Information ☒ Action

Superintendent Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education extend the term of the prequalified vendors and products established under Request for Qualification No.1155.5, Online Digital Content Products for the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium, under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §5-112, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation DJA-RA, *Procurement of Equipment, Supplies, and Services*.

This is a request to extend the term of the prequalified vendors and products established under Request for Qualification No.1155.5 for Online Digital Content Products for the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this extension for one year, through June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, As a member of the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium, Montgomery County Public Schools acts as the soliciting agent on behalf of the other 23 local school systems in Maryland to prequalify online digital content products for purchase by MDK12 Digital Library Consortium members; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate the continued purchase of online digital content products through the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium, Montgomery County Public Schools released Request for Qualification No. 1155.5, Online Digital Content Products for the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium on March 21, 2025, to solicit high-quality online subscription databases and electronic library resources; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools staff organized and conducted a thorough product review and selection process with representatives from members of the MDK12 Consortium; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2025, the Board of Education approved the prequalification of vendors and products through June 30, 2026 (Resolution No. 287-25); and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommends that the Board of Education extend the term of certain prequalified vendors and online digital content products for purchase by local school systems participating in the MDK12 Consortium through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The term of the prequalification extension will be for one year, with annual renewal options; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for Montgomery County Public Schools offices and schools to purchase prequalified online digital content products for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2027; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following online digital content products are prequalified for purchase by each local school system participating in the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium in its discretion and in accordance with the specifications of the Request for Qualification:

Division of Teaching and Learning

Name: Online Digital Content Products for the MDK12 Digital Library Consortium—Extension

1155.5 *Responsible Department:* Department Curriculum Development

Awardees:

<u>Vendor Name, Location</u>	<u>Pre-qualified Products</u>
Bloomsbury Publishing, Inc., New York, New York	ABC CLIO
BrainPOP, LLC, New York, New York	BrainPOP Platform
Cengage Learning, Inc., Mason, Ohio	Gale Platform; National Geographic Kids; and Petersen's Test and Career Prep
Coughlan Companies, LLC, North Mankato, Minnesota	Capstone Interactive ebooks; PebbleGo; PebbleGo Next
Discovery Education, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina	Discovery Education Experience; Mystery Science; Pivot Interactives
EBSCO Industries, Inc., Dallas, Texas	Core Collections, EBSCO Discover; EBSCO host Explora; Discovery Service; Flipster; Novelist
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., Chicago, Illinois	Britannica Education Databases; Early Elementary; School; Academic; Escolar; ImageQuest, ImageQuest Jr.; Merriam-Webster; Moderna; Original Sources
Infobase Holdings, Inc., Dover, Delaware	History Research Center; Video Platform (Learn360); The Mailbox
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland	Project MUSE
Kids Discover, LLC, Westport, Connecticut	Kids Discover
LibraryTrac, LLC, Culpeper, Virginia	LibraryTrac

<u>Vendor Name, Location</u>	<u>Pre-qualified Products</u>
Lightbox Learning, Inc., New York, New York	LightBox; Eye Discover; AV2
Lincoln Library Press, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio	Factcite
One More Story, Brooklyn, New York	One More Story
OverDrive, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio	OverDrive Digital Platform
PBC Guru, LLC, Potomac, Maryland	BookBreak
Press4Kids, Inc., New York, New York	News-O-Matic
PROQUEST LP, Ann Arbor, Michigan	Alexander Street Platform (Academic Video); CultureGrams; Self-Guided Research Databases; ProQuest Platform, Primary Source/News Databases
Renaissance Learning, Inc., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin	Nearpod
Scholastic, Inc., Newark, New Jersey	BookFlix; Watch & Learn Library
Springshare LLC, Miami, Florida	LibGuides
TeachingBooks.net LLC, Cleveland, Ohio	TeachingBooks
The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc., Buffalo, New York	Rosen Databases; Core Concepts Science Suite; Teen Health and Wellness; Power Knowledge Science Suite
Tumbleweed Press, Inc., Toronto, Ontario	TumbleBook Library; Tumble Math; TeenBook Cloud
World Book, Inc., Chicago, Illinois	Encyclopedia Databases

Total *[Invoice amounts will be based on individual requirements]* \$2,000,000

and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements for the purchase of pre-qualified digital content products for Montgomery County Public Schools for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2027; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to execute all other documents and grant any approvals necessary for the purchase of prequalified online digital content products for Montgomery County Public Schools.

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