

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

August 20, 2026

APPROVED BY BOARD

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Thomas W. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Expenditure Authorization to Enter into Contracts of \$25,000 or More

☐ Information ☒ Action

Superintendent Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education authorize the execution of contracts of \$25,000 or more, and the expenditures up to the value indicated.

Formal bids and requests for proposals were obtained and evaluated by staff members in the Department of Procurement, Division of Financial Management, in consultation with the users. The tabulations, cost comparisons, and budget account verifications are available in the Department of Procurement files. Summary information about vendors that receive payments of \$25,000 or more under Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §5-112, §5-112(a)(3), and Board of Education Policy DJA, *MCPS Procurement Practices and Bid Awards*, during a fiscal year, July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year, is available in the Funding Accountability and Transparency [database](#) on the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) website. The information identifying vendors by names and locations is the information submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, with local affiliates noted as applicable.

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; now therefore it be

Resolved, That having been duly advertised or justified, the following contracts be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidders or offerors, meeting specifications as follows:

Division of School Leadership and Improvement

RFP Name: Sports Medicine and Athletic Training
Partnership—Extension

Responsible Department: Department of Athletics

4976.1

Description: This is a request to exercise the first of two available annual extensions for MedStar Sports Medicine, LLC. This vendor provides both personnel and operational systems such as licensure

and supervisory physician services for the district's athletic trainers and health and safety coordinator per state law, provides five roving athletic trainer positions that will support the high school program when trainers are on leave or for systemwide events and competitions, serve as contact points for middle schools, and deliver responsive, coordinated sports medicine services through the availability of clinics. They support MCPS in meeting the requirements for supervising evaluation and treatment protocols, developing emergency action plans, and fostering a positive learning environment. In particular, the learning environment is supported through ongoing continuing medical education and training for athletic trainers, coaches, and support staff to promote safe practices during scrimmages and events.

Awardee:

MedStar Sports Medicine, LLC, Columbia, Maryland

\$100,000

Division of Specialized Support Services

RFP Name: CollegeTracks Access Program—Extension

Responsible Department: Department of School Counseling Services

4881.2 ***Description:*** This is a request to exercise the third of four available annual extensions for the CollegeTracks Access Program for high school students. This program guides participants through the critical milestones of the college admissions process, assists with scholarship applications, advocates for college financial aid offers, and helps analyze financial aid packages to find enough financial aid to ensure that Access Program participants will not incur burdensome student debt.

Funding Source: Local Funds (\$350,000) and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Title IV Grant Funds (\$325,000)

Awardee:

CollegeTracks, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland

\$675,000

Division of Teaching and Learning

Contract Name: Programs and Services with Strathmore Hall

Responsible Department: Department of Curriculum Development

4379.1 ***Description:*** This is a request to approve the annual contract for Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc. This vendor provides access to the performance hall and professional artists for second graders to attend

annual classical concerts and fifth graders to attend blues and jazz concerts. The Strathmore Hall also is the location for the annual Latin Dance Competition.

Awardee:

Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland

\$129,800

RFP Name: Literacy Intervention Materials for Secondary & Elementary School Grades PreK–12

Responsible Department: Department of Curriculum Development

4609.1 ***Description:*** On July 16, 2026, the Board of Education approved the original contract for \$314,453. This is a request to approve additional funds for the contract with Savvas Learning Company LLC, for professional learning. This vendor provides iLitELL, a digital program designed especially for multilingual learners in Grades 6 and above. The program accelerates students' literacy development, builds academic knowledge, and strengthens their ability to use English to effectively communicate across a variety of modes. The program's instructional routine addresses all elements of English language development, including reading, writing, speaking, listening skills, and comprehension.

Funding Source: MSDE, Read and Lead Maryland: The MD Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLDS) Grant

Awardee:

Savvas Learning Company LLC, Paramus, New Jersey

\$13,050

RFP Name: 6-12 ELD Direct English Language Development Instruction Supplemental Resources—Extension

Responsible Division: Division of Multilingual Education

4612.1 ***Description:*** This is a request to exercise the first of three available annual extensions for Cengage Learning, Inc. This vendor supports direct language instruction for Emergent Multilingual Learners demonstrating English Language Proficiency Levels 1–4 of the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment English Language Development Standards Framework. Focusing on providing language for Social Instructional Language, Language for Language Arts, Language for Mathematics, Language for Science, and Language for Social Studies.

Funding Source: MSDE, FY 2026 Title III Grant

Awardee:

Cengage Learning, Inc., Mason, Ohio

\$400,000

4915.2	<i>RFP Name:</i> Digital Courses	
	<i>Responsible Department:</i> Department of Academic Programs	
	<i>Description:</i> This is a request to approve a new contract for comprehensive digital courses designed for a total instructional experience for diploma-bound learners in an online “classroom” for a given course, aligned to with the State Standards or specified graduation requirements.	
	<u>Awardee:</u> Edmentum, Inc., Bloomington, Minnesota	\$350,000
4978.1	<i>RFP Name:</i> K-12 Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students—Extension	
	<i>Responsible Department:</i> Department of Curriculum Development	
	<i>Description:</i> This is a request to approve an annual contract with Discovery Education, Inc. The vendor will provide academic support and/or enrichment programs and services, based on innovative and experimental learning, as part of MCPS’ Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) for Grades K–12.	
	<i>Funding Source:</i> MSDE, Title IV Grant Funds	
	<u>Awardee:</u> Discovery Education, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina	\$151,900
5039.1	<i>Contract Name:</i> Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Curriculum for Grades 6-8	
	<i>Responsible Department:</i> Department of Curriculum Development	
	<i>Description:</i> This is a request to approve the annual funds for Core Knowledge Foundation. This vendor creates the open-source English Language Arts curriculum for Grades 6–8. These funds will be used to replenish purchases of the required curriculum textbooks.	
	<u>Awardee:</u> Core Knowledge Foundation, Charlottesville, Virginia	\$96,000
TOTAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE		\$1,915,750

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Attachment

Bid Activity Report Expenditure Authorization
August 20, 2026

Attachment

No.	Name	No. of Vendors Mailed	No. DBE Vendors Mailed	Total No. of Bids Received	Total No. of DBE Bids Received	Total No. of Bids Awarded	Total No. of DBE Contracts Awarded
4976.1	Sports Medicine and Athletic Training Partnership—Extension	76	5	2	0	1	0
4881.2	CollegeTracks Access Program—Extension	44	15	5	4	1	0
4379.1	Programs and Services with Strathmore Hall	N/A					
4609.1	Literacy Intervention Materials for Secondary & Elementary School Grades PreK–12	N/A					
4612.1	6–12 ELD Direct English Language Development Instruction Supplemental Resources—Extension	602	99	7	2	1	0
4915.2	Digital Courses	410	72	5	0	1	0
4978.1	K–12 Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students—Extension	92	7	11	5	1	0
5039.1	Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Curriculum for Grades 6–8	N/A					