

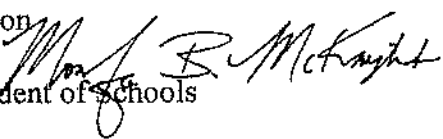
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

October 12, 2023

APPROVED BY BOARD

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Contract Approval for RFP No. 4978.1, Grades Kindergarten–12 Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of a contract award to Discovery Education and MoCo Kids Inc., dba KID Museum for Grades Kindergarten (K)–12 experiential learning opportunities, that will be provided by during the 2023–2024 school year under Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 4978.1, Grades Kindergarten–12 Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) released RFP No. 4978.1 on June 7, 2023, to solicit proposals from one or more established providers of academic support and/or enrichment programs and services, based on innovative and experiential learning as part of MCPS' Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM). Importantly, this RFP sought academic enrichment providers with proven, evidence-based, and culturally relevant programs targeted to engage a diverse student population and meet the needs of our most underserved students, as well as specialized programming to targeted student groups across Grades K–12 or for a particular grade-band, with proven results demonstrated by academic growth or external evaluation; and providers experienced in delivering teacher professional learning and training.

The following resolution is included for your consideration:

WHEREAS, On June 7, 2023, Montgomery County Public Schools issued Request for Proposal No. 4978.1, Grades Kindergarten–12 Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students; and

WHEREAS, Staff in the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Program has evaluated the proposals submitted by vendors; and

WHEREAS, On September 8, 2023, Montgomery County Public Schools issued a pre-award notice letter to Discovery Education and MoCo Kids Inc., dba KID Museum, based on the outcome of the evaluation and selection process; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract award to Discovery Education and MoCo Kids Inc., dba KID Museum; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of the experiential learning opportunities through RFP No. 4978.1, in the total amount of \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, These opportunities support academic enrichment programming, STEAM curriculum and programming, evidence-based strategies that meet the needs of diverse learners, curricular and instructional materials/resources to support student learning and engagement, teacher professional development, materials/resource and support, evaluation and monitoring of progress; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the award to Discovery Education and MoCo Kids Inc., dba KID Museum for experiential learning opportunities for students in accordance with Request for Proposal No. 4978.1; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools and the Board of Education president are authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Discovery Education and MoCo Kids Inc., dba KID Museum in the total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Note: Contract amounts will be based on individual requirements.

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