

# VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARTING THE COURSE

OFFICE OF PURCHASING SERVICES 2512 GEORGE MASON DRIVE VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23456 (757) 263-1175

### PUBLIC NOTICE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date: December 19, 2021

Vendor/Contractor: Scholastic Contract Amount: \$231,966.60

Description of Services: Summer Self-Select Home Library Packs for grades K-5.

Sole Source Determination: Sole provider and owner

Date of Award: TBD

### J. Kevin Beardsley

Director of Purchasing 12/19/2021 12:21 PM



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: J. Kevin Beardsley

Office of Purchasing Services

FROM: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer

Lorena L. Kelly, Ph.D., Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning

Laura E. Silverman, Director of Title I Programs

**VENDOR:** Scholastic Summer Self-Select Home Libraries

**DOLLAR AMOUNT:** \$231,966.60

DATE: December 6, 2021

This memorandum is to certify that Scholastic is the sole provider of Summer Self-Select Home Library Packs for grades K-5. This purchase will be funded in whole by federal funds. Of the \$231,966.60 purchase price, the entire cost will be funded by the Title I, Part A grant that has a FY22 budget of \$11,301,309.00.

This purchase would provide every Title I student (in grades K-5) 6 books to bring home prior to going on summer break. Scholastic, Inc. provides a highly customized order process where each student is able to make book selections of their choosing from a list of teacher selected, district approved titles that correlate to the Virginia Standards of Learning. Scholastic, Inc. provides samples of every book to each Title I school, allowing the students to preview the selection prior to ordering. Students then make their selections via order form or custom website. Teachers have access to their students' selections during the ordering window in order to review reading level appropriateness and suggest changes as necessary. At the close of the ordering window, Scholastic, Inc. assembles each custom pack with the student's selected books, and a reading and writing journal. Each pack is shrink-wrapped and labeled with the student's name, grade-level and teacher name.

The Summer Self-Select Home Library packs are designed to promote engagement between students and their family and prevention of the summer backslide in literacy. These materials support Compass to 2025 Goal 1: Educational Excellence and Goal 5: Mutually Supportive Partnerships.

If you need additional information, please contact Laura E. Silverman at 263-1450 or email Laura. Silverman@vbschools.com.

Disapproved

J. Kevin Beardsley

Director of Purchasing