

## VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARTING THE COURSE

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## PUBLIC NOTICE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date: Vendor/Contractor: Contract Amount: Description of Services: Sole Source Determination: summer. Date of Award: November 5, 2019 Scholastic Inc. \$46,853.52 Summer Home Library Packs for Title I Schools Customized packs of books for select students to enhance reading through the

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J. Kevin Beardsley Director of Purchasing 12/17/2019 4:05 PM



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## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: J. Kevin Beardsley Office of Purchasing Services
FROM: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer Danielle Colucci, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning Laura E. Silverman, Director of Title I Programs

VENDOR: Scholastic Summer Self Select Home Libraries

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This memorandum is to certify that Scholastic is the sole provider of Summer Home Library. Packs for schools who receive Title I federal grant funds, grades K - 5. 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. This will be the fourth year for these titles. This purchase would be for the two new Title I schools for the 2019-2020 (Bayside and Luxford Elementary).

During the 2015-2016 school year, a committee comprised of Virginia Beach City Public Schools teachers and literacy leaders selected 25 titles per grade-level from which the students choose 6-10 titles for their packs. Scholastic, Inc. provides a constant price per pack by providing the list of 25 books of varying prices and charging the average of those 25 books, while allowing the student to select any 6-10 titles.

The Summer 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 2020 Goal 1: High Academic Expectations, Literacy and Numeracy, and Goal 4: Culture of Growth and Excellence, Purposefully Partnering with Parents and the Community.

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

Approved N. Disapproved ener 12/17/19 J. Kevin Beardsley Date Director of Purchasing

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**Chief Academic Officer**