

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

August 12, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: California Network and Telecommunications Program Contract (07-14-20-04)

Question

During the Consent Items discussion regarding Item 8.2 – *Contract Approval for Bid No. GS35F0a503M, California Network and Telecommunications Program Contract c4-CVD-19-001-01*, Mr. Asante requested additional information regarding this contract, including how many devices will be acquired with these funds, the cost per unit, etc.

Response

The California Network and Telecommunications Program Contract allows for the district to purchase T-Mobile hotspot devices to provide internet access for students and employees for instructional and job-related tasks during the periods of remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of August 4, 2020, a total of 7,119 hotspots have been deployed to students and employees. While pricing is based on quantity and demand, as of May 2020, the annual cost for each hotspot and a year of service is \$181.92. Each hotspot purchased under this contract is content filtered so that Montgomery County Public Schools adheres to the requirements of the *Children's Internet Protection Act*. Going forward, additional hotspots may be ordered under this contract to accommodate the ongoing needs of the district.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Cevenini, associate superintendent of technology and innovation, Office of Engagement, Innovation, and Operations, via e-mail at Peter_Cevenini@mcpsmd.org.

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