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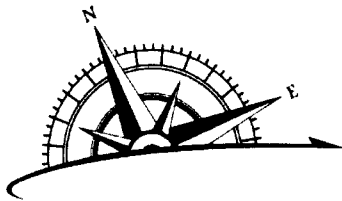
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date:	5/7/21
Vendor/Contractor:	Voyager Sopris Learning
Contract Amount:	\$82,068.00
Description of Services:	Essential professional learning in the area of K-5 Language Arts.
Sole Source Determination:	Sole provider of LETRS, Language Essentials for Teachers of Reach and Spelling for elementary literacy leaders.
Date of Award:	TBD

J. Kevin Beardsley
Director of Purchasing
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Department of Teaching and Learning

MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Kevin Beardsley
Office of Purchasing Services

FROM: Kipp D. Rogers, Ph.D., Chief Academic Officer 
Danielle E. Colucci, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning
Abigail Dougherty, Language Arts Coordinator

VENDOR: Voyager Sopris Learning

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$82,068.00

REQUISITION: DTAL-21-0381367

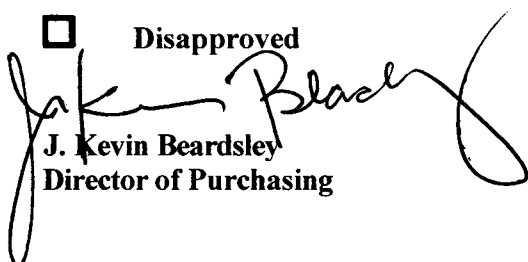
DATE: May 6, 2021

This memorandum is to certify that Voyager Sopris Learning is the sole provider of LETRS, Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling for elementary literacy leaders. LETRS Volume 2 provides essential professional learning in the area of K-5 Language Arts and is directly aligned with current research around the science of reading. The purchase of this resource will support the instructional program of Virginia Beach City Public Schools by building literacy leader capacity to support teachers and students and advance our efforts to improve student achievement in the area of Language Arts. LETRS training includes both virtual, live webinars and in-depth online modules that are self-paced and highly interactive. Division literacy leaders participated in LETRS Volume 1 professional learning in the 2020-2021 school year and Volume 2 will provide them with the remaining portion of this essential training.

LETRS training is designed to increase student achievement in Language Arts and prevent struggling readers by ensuring research-based instructional routines are utilized in every K-5 classroom. Since 2018, it has been utilized by the Virginia Department of Education as professional learning for division dyslexia advisors and select reading specialists. Literacy leaders participating in LETRS will use this professional knowledge to coach classroom and special education teachers, lead building and division-wide professional learning and provide interventions to struggling readers. This purchase will be funded with federal funds. Of the \$82,068.00 purchase price, \$82,068.00 is being funded by the FY21 CRSSA Act ESSER II award which has a FY21 budget of \$1,000,000. LETRS supports Compass to 2025 Goal 1: Educational Excellence, and Goal 4: An Exemplary, Diversified Workforce. If you need additional information, please contact Ms. Dougherty via email Abigail.Dougherty@vbschools.com.

Approved

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J. Kevin Beardsley
Director of Purchasing

Date

5/7/21