PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION:  Staff would like to inform the Board of Education of Frederick County about a recent solicitation to Qualify English Language Interpreters for Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:  Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act (EEOA) require that public schools and state educational agencies (SEA) must act to overcome language barriers that impede equal participation by students in their instructional programs.

In addition to utilizing telephonic interpreting services from language companies under a separate bid awarded by the State of Maryland, FCPS contracts with individuals to interpret for parent conferences, IEP meetings, back-to-school nights and the like. On July 10, 2018, RFQ 18MISC17, Qualification of English Language Interpreters, was opened. Qualified applicants are added on an open enrollment basis in order to maintain a sufficient pool of interpreters to meet our needs throughout the school year. Individuals whose applications were approved between July 1, 2014-June 30, 2018 are requested to confirm their continued interest, availability and contact information in order to be re-qualified through June 30, 2021. They are assigned work on an as-needed basis.

FCPS does not guarantee a minimum number of hours of assignment to any individual. Interpreters are paid $32.00 per hour with no additional compensation for materials or mileage. Approximately, $53,821 was spent in FY18 for English Language Interpreting services provided by these individuals.

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