



Agenda Item Details

MEETING DATE:

10/20/2026

TOPIC:

Approve Award of Contract for the Instructional Audit to Hanover Research for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$255,000 and the Associated Budget Transfer

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

[DJ, Purchasing](#)

[DJ-R, Purchasing Regulation](#)

BACKGROUND:

The instructional audit will provide an objective, division-wide assessment of how curriculum expectations, instructional planning, assessment of student performance, and classroom practices align to support student learning in English language arts and mathematics.

RATIONALE:

Building on WJCC Schools' investments in high-quality instructional materials and professional learning, the audit will identify effective practices, opportunities for greater consistency, and targeted supports to strengthen instruction, inform the Teaching and Learning Framework, and accelerate student achievement.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE(S):

The request for school board consideration and action on October 20 will allow the division to move forward with project planning and maintain the anticipated timeline for the audit. The proposed contract will be awarded through the Virginia Association of State College and University Purchasing Professionals (VASCUPP) cooperative contract GMU-1827-23-07, held by George Mason University and available for use by WJCC Schools in accordance with school board purchasing policies and regulations.

COST BUDGETED:

The budget request to approve the award of contract for the instructional audit to Hanover Research is for a total cost not to exceed \$255,000.00. Funding will consist of \$100,000 from the \$427,000 in one-time additional state revenue set aside by the school board in the FY27 amended budget approved in August 2026 for non-recurring expenditures, with the remaining \$155,000 funded through a budget transfer from instructional salary and benefit savings.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the superintendent's recommendation.
2. Do not approve the superintendent's recommendation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The superintendent recommends the board approve the award of contract to Hanover Research under VASCUPP cooperative contract GMU-1827-23-07 for a total cost not to exceed \$255,000 and approve the associated budget transfer.

DATA SOURCE:

Rene Ewing, Chief Financial Officer

Robin Ford, Chief Academic Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to approve the award of contract for the instructional audit to Hanover Research, under VASCUPP cooperative contract GMU-1827-23-07, for a total cost not to exceed \$255,000 and approve the associated budget transfer.