

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:**

Special Education Contracts for FY 19-20

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Department of Special Programs routinely contracts with service providers when unable to hire Aiken County Public School District personnel, or when the services needed are outside the scope of what the School District is able to provide. These contracted services include, but are not limited to: speech pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, applied behavior therapy, psycho-educational services, consultation services, Medicaid billing, transportation services, hearing services (including evaluations, interpreters, and accessibility technology), vision services (including evaluations, orientation & mobility services, and accessibility technology), neurological/psychiatric evaluations, and student record services.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

In order to ensure that Federal Law and Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements are met in a timely and professional manner, contracts with various service providers are necessary. All contractors agree to follow School District Policy and Procedure to maintain the integrity of services. Special Programs personnel will supervise each independent contractor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve contracts for related services.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

List of Contracted Service Providers

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**CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS:**

Elevation Healthcare

**EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS:**

SC Interpreting Services for the Deaf, LLC

Independent:

Marlene Lewis

Lynn Watson

Lawrence Reed

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS:**

Little Johnny, LLC

Education Based Services (EBS)

Independent:

Nancy Nance

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT SUPPORT:**

Public Consulting Group (PCG)

**EVALUATION SERVICES:**

Aiken Ophthalmology

Augusta Hearing and Balance

Hearing Associates of SC

NeuroBehavioral Associates

**ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY TECHNOLOGY:**

SC School for the Deaf & the Blind

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Aiken Taxi Transport, LLC

Gold Cross EMS

**STUDENT RECORDS:**

Frontline Technologies

Virtual Image Technology

**CONSULTANT:**

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