OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items September 17, 2024

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION

02.B. <u>Action: Contract with Major Clarity by Paper, Inc. to provide a college and career readiness platform with an e-transcript feature</u> [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Major Clarity by Paper, Inc.

Norfolk, Virginia

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The purpose of this contract is to provide school districts a college and career planning platform that helps students make more informed educational and career choices. The college and career readiness platform supports Process Standard 14.14 which requires that students enter 8th grade with an Individual Success Plan (ISP). The platform provides information on high school course offerings, graduation requirements, alignment of student strengths and interests to long-term aspirations and career options. The platform will also provide counselors, teachers, administrators, and parents information to support students' career exploration and postsecondary educational opportunities.

The college and career readiness platform includes an e-transcript feature that will facilitate the transfer of student information between various educational institutions. This feature includes traditional transcript information such as course credits, as well as learning experiences and credentials earned via industrial training, fieldwork, military service, and volunteer experiences.

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Amount to be Awarded: \$582,137

Method of Award: Emergency

<u>Funding Source</u>: Federal funds: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None