

Dear Educational Resources Providers:

This communication is to formally notify you of the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) expectations for Digital Educational Resources for the 2018-2019 school year. Our goal is to promote a personalized learning environment through a learning ecosystem where the platform, tools, and applications are seamlessly integrated to support today's 21st century learners. Our learning ecosystem is powered through a service called *itslearning* that is in the process of becoming the center of collaboration, curriculum, instruction, and communication for Harford County Public School's staff, students, and parents.

HCPS is using the IMS Global Standards to establish a standard way of integrating rich learning resources and applications (often remotely hosted) with our learning platform. Our primary goals are ease of access by teachers and students to quality educational resources and the ability to aggregate results in a single location. IMS Global Learning Consortium provides a set of interoperability standards to address the frequently encountered educational enterprise integration issues for digital content and learning software/platforms.

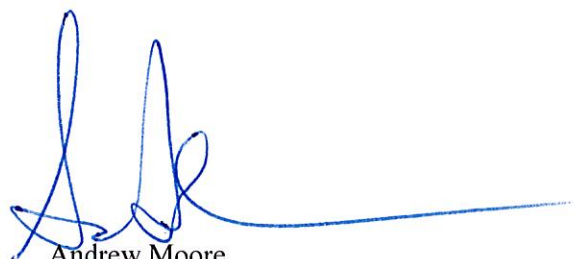
HCPS advocates adoption by all suppliers of applicable open interoperability standards provided by the IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS) in order to enable safe, flexible and rapid integrations. IMS standards are evolving under the governance of IMS member organizations, which includes a majority of leading educational technology suppliers.

To enable the delivery of digital resources, HCPS will give preference to the purchase of digital content, assessment and applications which are IMS Global Conformance Certified to the following IMS Global Interoperability Standards, specifically Thin Common Cartridge (Thin CC) version 1.3 or above, OneRoster v1.1 REST or above, and/or Question and Test Interoperability® (QTI®) v2.1 or above. We require that vendors agree to implement, certify, and "stay current" with the latest releases of IMS standards, so that Harford County Public Schools is not required to communicate on an ongoing basis the availability and requirement to adopt IMS standards in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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