

## **Action Item - 28**

**Title:** Amendment of Contract with E3 Diagnostics, Inc. for Audiometer Calibration and Repair (\$50,000)

**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 10/24/2024

### **Action Under Consideration**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or their designee, to execute and perform an amendment of a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

**With:**

E3 Diagnostics, Inc. d/b/a E3 Midlantic Technologies Group

**Purpose:**

Audiometer Calibration and Repair

**Originally Authorized Start date:** 7/1/2022

**Originally Authorized End date:** 6/30/2025

**Currently Authorized Compensation:** \$75,000

**Additional Compensation:**

\$50,000

**Total new Compensation:** \$125,000

**Location:**

All Schools

**Renewal Option(s):**

Yes

**Number of Options:**

3

**Duration of each option:**

1 year

**Maximum Compensation authorized per option period, per contractor:**

\$50,000

**Description:**

*Why is this contract needed?*

The Pennsylvania Public School Code requires school nurses to provide hearing screenings for all school-age students. E3 Diagnostics, Inc. provides audiometer calibration annually to service school audiometers. The service provides optimum functioning devices that allow in-school screening to identify hearing loss.

Audiometers are an essential item in District health rooms. The audiometers allow nurses to provide hearing exams to District students. Audiometer calibration has to be checked acoustically, at least annually, by a certified provider. In making these measurements, the accuracy of the calibrating equipment has to be sufficient to determine that the audiometer is within the tolerances permitted by American Standard Specification for Audiometers. The vendor will provide audiometer calibration to all District audiometers.

*How will the success of this contract be measured?*

Success will be measured by the increased number of screenings conducted by school nurses using advanced equipment to detect hearing loss. This service supports a comprehensive learning experience for children in our district.

*If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past, and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?*

This contract has been highly successful in the past, allowing the Districts to calibrate and repair audiometers annually. As a result, screenings have become more accurate, enabling the District to serve more children. During the 2023-2024 school year, approximately 60,000 students were screened using 290 audiometers serviced by E3 Diagnostics, Inc.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

May 26, 2022; B-62

**Funding Source(s)**

FY25 Operating

**Office Originating Request:**

Student Support Services