



Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee

Call Report issued by Debbie Groat

4/28/20	Debbie Groat
	Education COVID19 Workgroup
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DISCUSSION

Main point of discussion was to share information on COVID19 operations, disruptions and supply chain demands:

- a. Debbie shared supply chain information discussed in County/City forums. The orders placed with distributors of 3M for facemasks do not have definite delivery dates and some anticipate a within 6 month deliveries. Both FEMA and 3M work together on the priority to fill orders. The most difficult commodity to source right now is disposable gowns and coveralls. Burn rates are also much higher than normal and should be anticipated.
- b. Melanie (Baltimore CPS) shared that current plans are to maintain normal stocking levels. They have been holding off on new solicitations in favor of short-term extensions but expect to restart the bidding process soon. Shipping curriculum and products to students has been challenging. Melanie stated that they are seeing about a 20% decrease in productivity in construction projects that could delay the opening of new schools if not caught up over the summer. Kerri shared that she has heard that some fabricators are experiencing delays in shipments.
- c. Dom (Howard CC) stated that they are also holding new solicitations but will restart shortly. They plan to use virtual tours of facilities in lieu of in person site visits. Home deliveries are *problem some* but they have developed a process (attached) with layered approvals and the order must be placed by the Procurement Office. They have been sending some necessities to students.
- d. Brynn (Queen Anne's CPS) shared that they are working on a process for shipping supplies to instructors.
- e. Kerrie (Frederick CPS) have restricted pCards so they cannot be used for home deliveries. They approve home deliveries by purchase order on a case-by-case basis. Procurements requiring site-visits are handled with no more than five contractors at a time. They are fully online with ProcureNow (brochure attached). It took six days to implement. This service if free through 2020. Anyone interested should contact:

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f. Others did not have any new information to share.

Action Items: None