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Item: Rehmann GSRP Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement

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Recommended by: Kevin Philipps 

Board Meeting Date: 10/19/2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD Board approve an increase to the agreement with Rehmann for Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) subrecipient monitoring services from \$46,840 to an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the 2025/2026 grant period.

BACKGROUND:

Kent ISD serves as the fiscal agent for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in Kent County, which totaled \$44.6 million for the 2025/2026 grant period. Kent ISD partners with 8 local educational agencies (LEAs) and 29 community-based organizations (CBOs) that operate GSRP programs as subrecipients. As the fiscal agent, Kent ISD is responsible for monitoring these subrecipients to ensure compliance with GSRP programmatic and fiscal requirements.

For the past three years, Kent ISD has contracted with the accounting firm Rehmann to perform subrecipient monitoring. This arrangement has strengthened monitoring procedures, provided consistency in the review process, and reduced the monitoring workload for Kent ISD Business Office staff.

The original agreement with Rehmann totaled \$46,840 and did not require Board approval because it was below the \$50,000 approval threshold. However, additional time has been required to review supporting documentation and address follow-up questions with subrecipients. As a result, Rehmann is approaching the original contract limit before completing all monitoring activities.

Rehmann bills based on actual hours worked, and monitoring costs can vary depending on the complexity of the reviews and the amount of follow-up required. For comparison, Kent ISD paid Rehmann approximately \$95,800 in FY2025 and \$52,000 in FY2026 for monitoring services.

The proposed increase of \$18,160 would establish a revised agreement amount not to exceed \$65,000. This will allow Rehmann to complete the remaining monitoring activities, providing a consistent review process for all CBOs rather than transferring the remaining work to Kent ISD Business Office staff.

Monitoring costs are funded through the GSRP grant.