Ohio | Department of Education

CCIP Note #463

Re: Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Program
Date: February 16, 2021
To: Nonpublic Principals, Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Public Consolidated Application Contacts

Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Program
As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, (CRRSA Act) Public Law 116-260, Congress set aside $2.75 billion of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund specifically to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in nonpublic schools through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program.

The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the state.

On February 5th, 2021, Governor DeWine submitted a signed certification and agreement for Ohio's EANS award. Ohio received an EANS award of **$154,896,274**. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is responsible for the administration of the EANS program.

Nonpublic schools are required to submit an application to receive services or assistance through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program. The Ohio Department of Education is currently developing the application that is slated to be **released in early March.**

EANS Services and Assistance
A nonpublic school may apply to receive services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
- Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- Educational technology
- Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- Reimbursement for the expenses of any services or assistance described above that a nonpublic school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, **except for:**
    - Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.
    - Staff training and professional development on sanitization, use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.
    - Developing instructional plans, curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.

- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.
- Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) prior to December 27, 2020.

Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Data Needed to Participate
Data is needed from Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported schools in order to provide EANS estimated service amounts to the nonpublic community prior to the application release. The Ohio Department of Education is requesting this data through the nonpublic advisory council and direct outreach to Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported schools. **However, district representatives are also encouraged to reach out to Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported Schools within their district boundaries to share the following data request:**

*A representative of the Non-Chartered, Non-Tax school should email EANS@education.ohio.gov by **February 19th, 2021** if the school intends to apply for the EANS program.*

- *The email should include the name of the school and the email address of the school principal. The Ohio Department of Education will send the EANS Application to this email address in early March.*
- *In the email, the school must provide Average Daily Membership (ADM) enrollment counts from October of 2019 so that the Ohio Department of Education may include the school in its method to prioritize EANS funds to schools and estimated service amounts.*
  - *Average Daily Membership (ADM) is calculated by dividing the total aggregate membership of the first full week of school in October, by the number of days in the week that the school is open for instruction. Aggregate membership is the sum of aggregate attendance plus authorized absences.*

Note: Chartered nonpublic schools do not need to provide data at this time. The Ohio Department of Education will be using a Weighted Per Pupil Approach derived using proportionality from existing nonpublic enrollment and district poverty data, information collected from Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported Schools, as well as information collected on the EANS application. More information about the Weighted Per Pupil Approach and the EANS application will be released in a future CCIP Note.

Timeline
- Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported schools provide requested data by February 19th.
- The EANS application will be released in early March.
- The application period for the EANS program will be two weeks.
- Final service amounts will be determined by early April.
- Nonpublic schools that receive an EANS service amount will receive services and assistance over the period of availability of the EANS grant, which runs from March 13th, 2020 to September 30th, 2023.

The Ohio Department of Education is working with a range of nonpublic stakeholders to design the EANS application process and method for providing services and assistance. More details about Ohio's EANS program will become available in the coming weeks.

If you have questions or would like to indicate that your school wishes to participate in the EANS program, contact EANS@education.ohio.gov.