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CCIP Note #488

Re: American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (ARP EANS) Eligible Schools and Application Process
Date: November 19, 2021
To: Nonpublic Principals, Education Service Center Superintendents, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (ARP EANS) Program
As part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Public Law 117-2, Congress set aside an additional $2.75 billion to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in nonpublic schools through the ARP Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (ARP EANS) program. The purpose of the ARP EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible nonpublic schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on nonpublic school students and teachers in the state.

On October 28, 2021, Ohio received the ARP EANS award of $155,190,488. The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) is responsible for the administration of the EANS program. The Department will conduct an application process for eligible schools and contract with Education Service Centers (ESCs) throughout Ohio to provide ARP EANS services and assistance.

Nonpublic Schools Eligible for ARP EANS
A State Educational Agency (SEA) may only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS to nonpublic schools that enroll a "significant" percentage of students from low-income families. For ARP EANS, students are considered to be from low-income families if the family income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. The United States Department of Education (the USED) determined that a nonpublic school has enrolled a significant percentage of students from low-income families if the percentage of students from low-income families enrolled in the school meets or exceeds 40 percent. A State may propose an alternate significant poverty percentage based on circumstances in the State. Ohio applied for and received USED approval for an alternate significant percentage of 25 percent. Nonpublic schools in Ohio must meet or exceed 25 percent of students enrolled from low-income families to be eligible for ARP EANS.

To be eligible for Ohio's ARP EANS program, a nonpublic school must be an elementary or secondary school that—

- Is non-profit (see the definition HERE).
- Is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
- Was in existence prior to March 13, 2020, the date the President declared the national emergency due to COVID-19;
- Did not, and will not, apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37)) that is made on or after December 27, 2020. (See C-12 for information regarding nonpublic schools that apply for but do not receive a PPP loan); and
- Twenty-five percent or more of the school's enrolled students are from low-income families.

Ohio utilized existing Free and Reduced Lunch Data, E-Rate data, and an ARP EANS Pre-Application Survey to determine the schools that are eligible for ARP EANS. More information on the process for determining eligible schools can be found in CCIP Note 483. The list of schools that are eligible for ARP EANS can be found HERE. Eligible schools will receive an ARP EANS Nonpublic Application through the process described below.

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Estimated Service Amounts
The Department produced ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts to give eligible nonpublic schools an approximate amount of services that the school could receive if it applies for ARP EANS. The ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts can be found HERE. Eligible nonpublic schools must apply for ARP EANS to receive an ARP EANS Final Service Amount.

ARP EANS Nonpublic Application Process
The Department will release the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application to eligible schools on November 23, 2021. Principals at eligible nonpublic schools will receive an email on November 23, 2021 from the following address: donotreply@ohio-k12.help. The email will contain a link to the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application.

A PDF template of the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application can be found HERE.

Final Service Amounts
After the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application period, the ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts will be adjusted based on the applications that the Department receives. It is important to note that the ARP EANS Final Service Amounts may change significantly from the ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts due to the number of applications, nonpublic school impact of COVID-19 data and requested services. The Department recommends that the nonpublic school indicate additional services or assistance in its application that it would request should more funds become available, for instance, if fewer schools apply than expected. A description of Ohio's ARP EANS Nonpublic Service Determination Approach can be found HERE.

The Department will produce ARP EANS Final Service Amounts and inform schools of the approval of their ARP EANS Nonpublic Application and Final Service Amount by December 27, 2021.

ARP EANS Timeline
- Nonpublic schools without Free and Reduced Price Lunch and/or E-Rate data on file with the Department were provided an opportunity to complete the ARP EANS Pre-Application Survey by September 22, 2021.
- The Department extended the ARP EANS Pre-Application Survey data collection period to October 8, 2021 and again until October 22, 2021.
- The Department received its ARP EANS award on October 28, 2021.
- The Department will send the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application to eligible schools on November 23, 2021.
- The ARP EANS Nonpublic Application period will close on December 7, 2021.
- The Department will produce ARP EANS Final Service Amounts and inform schools of the approval of their ARP EANS Nonpublic Application and Final Service Amount by December 27, 2021.
- The Department will contract with ESCs to provide ARP EANS services and assistance by April 2022.
- The Department will offer trainings and office hours for nonpublic schools and ESCs to prepare for ARP EANS consultation and services by April 2022.
- Nonpublic schools with an ARP EANS Final Service Amount will begin consultation with ESCs in May 2022.
- Nonpublic schools with an ARP EANS Final Service Amount will receive services and assistance over the period of availability of the ARP EANS grant, which runs until September 30th, 2024.

If you have questions, please contact EANS@education.ohio.gov.