



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

May 4, 2022

Dear Private School Leader,

I am writing with an important update on your participation in the federally funded Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program.

In spring 2021, your school was approved for participation in the District of Columbia's first round of EANS funding, granted to the city under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 1924-1937 (CRRSA), which we refer to herein as EANS I. This program has provided you with resources to address the impact coronavirus (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the District. To fulfill the purposes of the EANS I program, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with you that outlined our commitment to provide you with reimbursements for allowable expenditures and to purchase additional goods and services on your behalf.

We have received a clarification from the United States Department of Education that required us to end initiation of EANS I purchasing for nonpublic schools, effective April 15, 2022, and to complete all EANS I reimbursements no later than August 15, 2022. In accordance with the requirements of CRRSA, all remaining EANS I program funds revert to the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER), also authorized by CRRSA, to be used at the discretion of Mayor Muriel Bowser.

The District remains committed to providing you with emergency relief services and assistance, and to do so, we are establishing a GEER Private School Assistance Program (GEER-PSAP). Your school qualifies for participation in this purchasing program designed to permit the use of all funds previously committed to you as outlined in your EANS I MOU with OSSE.

In the coming weeks, OSSE's EANS program staff will be in touch to explain the operational details of transitioning from EANS I to GEER-PSAP. We recognize that your needs may have changed since your initial application for EANS and our staff will support you in making adjustments as needed, within your previously approved budget limits.

For questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to OSSE's Special Populations and Programs Recovery Manager, Portia Bates, at Portia.Bates@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Grant".

Dr. Christina Grant
State Superintendent