

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EANS) PROGRAM

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) provides \$2.75 billion for the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) program, which is part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. Under the EANS program, the US Department of Education will award grants by formula to each Governor with an approved Certification and Agreement 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.

For the purpose of this program, eligible independent schools must meet the following standards:

- Is nonprofit;
- 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; and
- 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 Dec. 27, 2020.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is providing support and assistance by application in alignment with the federal guidance. The support and assistance are intended to help non-public schools safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on our K-12 schools. OSSE anticipates releasing the application on **Monday**, **March 8, 2021**, with a deadline of **Friday**, **April 2, 2021**.

OSSE will also host a webinar at 10 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** to provide more details about the application process. To register for the webinar, please send the name and email address for any school staff that would like to participate to <u>OSSE.EANS@dc.gov</u> by **4 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021.**

For questions regarding this funding opportunity, please email OSSE at <u>OSSE.EANS@dc.gov</u>.

For more information about EANS, please see the US Department of Education's website: <u>oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/</u>