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# Emergency Assistance for Non-public Schools (EANS)

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# Welcome to the EANS application webinar!

- Housekeeping items before we begin:
  - The slides will be emailed later this evening to all registrants.
  - The meeting will be recorded
  - To preserve bandwidth, your video and microphone are turned off.
  - Use the Q & A feature at the bottom of the screen to ask questions (not Chat feature).
  - We will use the polling feature – your participation is appreciated (and it is anonymous)!



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# EANS: An Introduction

# CARES Act: The “first stimulus”

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law on March 27, 2020
- ESSER-I included equitable services for non-public schools
  - Much like they do for IDEA and ESSA (Title I, IIA, III, IV), districts offered equitable services to non-public schools
  - U.S. Department of Education changed ESSER-I equitable services guidance multiple times in 2020

# CRRSA Act: The “second stimulus”

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020
- Equitable participation of private schools **does not** appear in this law; instead, Congress created EANS
- Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools
  - \$24,225,048 million awarded to Governor Baker through Governor’s Emergency Education Relief fund (GEER-II) on February 22, 2021
  - Per the law, Governor designates administration of program to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). DESE must run the program, taking \$200,000 for administration.
  - \$24,025,048 for non-public schools (assistance, services, reimbursements)

# Eligibility

- Non-public schools are eligible if:
  - a) A non-public elementary or secondary school in Massachusetts
  - b) Approved to operate as a non-public school under Massachusetts General Law
  - c) A non-profit entity
  - d) Is currently operating and was in existence and operating prior to March 13, 2020
  - e) They have not participated, and will not participate, in the second federal Paycheck Protection Program (on or after December 27, 2020). Those who participated in PPP before December 27, 2020 are still eligible.



# Targeting and Prioritization

- The EANS program must prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that:
  - enroll low-income students, and
  - are most impacted by the qualifying emergency



# Important: EANS is not a “grant” program

- EANS is structured as a program whereby DESE:
  1. Offers cash reimbursements to non-public schools for certain allowable expenditures and obtains title to anything that has a title (public control).
  2. Provides services and assistance for certain allowable expenditures to non-public schools.

# 1. Cash reimbursements

- DESE can reimburse non-public schools for allowable expenditures
  - a) Offers cash reimbursements (both past and future) to non-public schools and obtains title to anything that has a title; and/or
  - b) Non-public schools choose among allowable and reasonable expenditures (previously provided back to March 13, 2020, or to-be-provided at a later date) and choose vendors that provide the service. Once purchases are complete, then the state can reimburse.
  - c) Can't reimburse non-public schools for anything that was paid for previously with federal funds (i.e. GEER-I or PPP).

## 2. DESE as Provider of Services and Assistance

- DESE can provide services and assistance to non-public schools
  - a) DESE would need to be the purchaser of services
  - b) Non-public schools would be bound by available state-approved vendors (i.e. taken from existing state contracts), or additionally procured via open and competitive bids.

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## Allowable Uses

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The law spells out the following uses:

- A. supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities;
- B. personal protective equipment;
- C. improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems to ensure healthy air in the non-public school;
- D. training and professional development for staff on sanitation, the use of personal protective equipment, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
- E. physical barriers to facilitate social distancing



# Allowable Uses, continued

- F. other materials, supplies, or equipment to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff during the qualifying emergency;
- G. expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress coronavirus, to conduct surveillance and contact tracing activities, and to support other activities related to coronavirus testing for students, teachers, and staff at the non-public school;
- H. educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning;



# Allowable Uses, continued

- I. redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss;
- J. leasing of sites or spaces to ensure safe social distancing to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- K. reasonable transportation costs;
- L. initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss

# Per the law, certain services/assistance are not reimbursable

Allowable Use	Reimbursement?	DESE Service?
A. Cleaning supplies	Yes	Yes
B. PPE	Yes	Yes
C. Ventilation upgrades	No	Yes
C*. Ventilation in the form of portable air purifiers	Yes	Yes
D. Training and PD on minimizing spread of disease	No	Yes
E. Physical barriers	Yes	Yes
F. Other materials to implement public health protocols	Yes	Yes
G. Coronavirus testing	Yes	Yes
H. Educational technology	Yes	Yes
I. Curriculum development to address learning loss/lag	No	Yes
J. Leasing space to increase social distancing	Yes	Yes
K. Reasonable transportation	Yes	Yes
L. Initiating or maintaining education and support services	No	Yes



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# Application

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# Before you begin

- Before you begin the application, **make sure:**
  - That the school's contact information in [DESE's directory administration system](#) is up-to-date (if not, email the correct information to [ESEDirectoryAdministrator@mass.gov](mailto:ESEDirectoryAdministrator@mass.gov)).
  - That the school has accurately completed the annual DESE data collection for non-public schools: the Individual Non-Public School Report. If not, interested non-public schools must complete the data collection before submitting this application. Questions about the data collection (accessing the online portal, etc.) may be sent to [privateschools@mass.gov](mailto:privateschools@mass.gov).
    - N.B.: For approved and unapproved private special education schools, public student information is collected through SIMS, and therefore completion of the Individual Non-Public School Report is not required.

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## EANS Resources

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- DESE Website  
(<https://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/esser/eans.html>)
- Direct link to Application- Part A  
(<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6206830/Massachusetts-EANS-Application-Part-A>)
- U.S. Department of Education website  
(<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/>)
- Send questions to [EANS@mass.gov](mailto:EANS@mass.gov)



# We Need Your Feedback!

- Anonymous, non-binding Poll Question #1
  - Do you plan to submit an EANS application?
    - Definitely
    - Leaning Yes
    - Leaning No
    - Definitely Not



# We Need Your Feedback!

- Anonymous, non-binding Poll Question #2
  - Assuming you submit an EANS application, which is more appealing: cash reimbursements or DESE-provided services/assistance?
    - Cash reimbursements
    - DESE-provided services/assistance





# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

# THANK YOU

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