



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

March 16, 2022

The Honorable Stan Saylor
245 Main Capitol Building
P.O. Box 202094
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2004

Dear Chairman Saylor,

We write today in response to your December 10th letter requesting a status update on the distribution of federal Covid-19 relief funds for Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) enacted via Act 1 of 2021, which relates to the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSA) and is known internally as EANS Program I, and Act 24 of 2021 which relates to the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) and is known internally as EANS Program II. We sincerely thank you for your patience relative to this update.

Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools I is in full implementation. All Intermediate Units were awarded EANS programs in May/June 2021, and funds have been allotted to the Intermediate Units for programming and/or reimbursement to participating nonpublic schools. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, Intermediate Units have asked for programmatic revisions due to nonpublic schools' need to adjust educational programming due to Covid. The total allocation amount for EANS I is \$150 million dollars.

The Division of Federal Programs is in the beginning stages of the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools II program rollout. Intermediate Units are currently sending out "intent to apply" forms to nonpublic schools. The Department of Education staff is collecting these forms to help create allocations. We expect the application process to take place through April and May with awards being made to Intermediate Units to assist with program implementation by June/July. The total allocation for EANS II is \$152 million dollars.

We once again thank you for your interest in this important topic, and for your patience in waiting for PDE's response. If you find you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out, as we will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noe Ortega".

Noe Ortega, Ph.D.
Secretary of Education