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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NON- PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EANS) PROGRAM

\$35.8 Million in Education Relief Funding Available; Deadline to Submit Application is April 2, 2021

BALTIMORE – (March 3, 2021) – To support the safe opening and operating costs of non-public schools during the pandemic, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has opened applications for the Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS) program. More than \$35 million in federal COVID-19 relief funding is available to non-public schools, as announced by Governor Larry Hogan in late January. The applications, due by April 2, 2021, can be found at www.marylandpublicschools.org/EANS.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020 and provides additional funding for States to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in K-12 schools. The CRRSA Act provides \$5.4 billion for the [Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools](#) (EANS) program, which is part of the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER II) Fund.

Under the EANS program, MSDE was awarded funds to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the State. Maryland’s EANS program allocation is \$35,878,533, including \$200,000 for administration.

The Maryland EANS Program webpage is www.marylandpublicschools.org/EANS. The Certification document, Frequently Asked Questions, Technical Assistance, and other program-specific information can be found on the program webpage. To receive services or assistance under the EANS program, an eligible non-public school must submit an application to MSDE. MSDE must prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Applications are due to MSDE no later than April 2, 2021, at 12:00 am Eastern Standard Time, and submissions must be sent to mdeansprogram.msde@maryland.gov.

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