

Subject: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools Program Update #4

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Greetings Wisconsin Private Schools and Interested Parties,

The purpose of this email is to provide some important updates about the EANS Program. We will focus on two topics: 1) the EANS Application and 2) allowable expenses.

The EANS Application period is currently open through April 12th. The information gathered in the application will allow DPI to finalize allocations.

I did not receive my school's EANS application. What should I do?

If you did not receive an application link - and no one else in your school did either - it is likely because we were not able to link email addresses with school code information in order to distribute the pre-populated EANS application. The good news is that we can send an application to your school. **Please visit [this link](#) to let us know you need an application.** This very brief Google form should give us the information we need to send you your school's application link.

We are sending new application links out in weekly batches. If you do not receive an application link by the Friday after you complete the form, please email EANS@dpi.wi.gov.

I received my application link. What's next?

Complete your application no later than April 12 and know that you can always email EANS@dpi.wi.gov with any questions. Remember that the link in your email is unique to you and your school. Please coordinate so that you know who is completing your school's application.

I completed my school's application. What's next?

There is no direct action you need to take at this time, but read on for information about allowable expenses that will inform your planning, and please plan to join CESA 6's kick-off webinar on April 6th (or access the recording after) - more information about the webinar is below.

If you have any questions about your application, or want to check its status, please email EANS@dpi.wi.gov.

The U.S. Department of Education has updated guidance (an FAQ) about allowable expenses in the EANS Program.

In the last week, the U.S. Department of Education posted a [new FAQ document](#) with updated guidance pertaining to key aspects of the EANS Program. In some cases the guidance directly contradicts the prior FAQ.

Windows are no longer considered an allowable expense. More specifically, while windows are *technically* allowed in the law, the U.S. Department of Education has said that requirements - also in the law - that goods remain in public title supersede this allowance. What this means is that expenses for items that are considered capital improvements, like windows or internet cables, will not be considered allowable for EANS purposes. However, our current understanding is that expenses for *services*, such as removal of an old window or installation of a new window purchased by the school with private funds, or repair of a school's existing window (e.g., to remove paint so windows can open) *may* be considered, depending on the attendant circumstances.

We have received many questions from schools about CESA 6 or DPI collecting equipment and goods purchased/reimbursed with EANS funds. While the law requires that these items remain in public title - and they will - the law also says that states may transfer the allowable use to a different federal program upon completion of the EANS Program (9/30/2023). It is currently DPI's intention to pursue this option to transfer allowable use rather than collect items under public title for the EANS Program.

Next Steps

We previously announced that CESA 6 will be administering the EANS program, and we now have a signed contract in place. Here's what you can expect from DPI and CESA 6 in the coming weeks:

- CESA 6 kick-off webinar.
 - When: Tuesday, April 6 at 2:00 pm
(The webinar will be recorded.)
 - Registration link: https://cesa6.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ykDqSzu-R2e7TFb-FttR2A

As a reminder, information about this webinar and other relevant communications will come from EANS@cesa6.org.

- Allowable Expenses Resource: the purpose of this document - which we hope to have out in the next week - will be to provide more detailed examples of allowable expenses. The information will directly relate to questions we have received from schools to-date and will account for the recently updated FAQ.
- Approval/Denial of EANS Applications: DPI will send communications to schools no more than 30 days after you submit your EANS application to let you know if your application is approved or denied. We will not be able to provide final allocations until we can finish review of all applications after the application window closes on April 12th, but as a reminder, the preliminary (baseline) amount of funds available for goods and services for your school is in [this PDF](#).

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please email EANS@dpi.wi.gov.

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