

Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program Update #20 2/10/23

Greetings Wisconsin EANS Program Participants and Interested Parties,

We are writing with updates on the following topics:

- EANS Webinar February 16
- CRRSA EANS deadline for purchase order invoices
- ARP EANS statewide pool

EANS Webinar February 16

CESA 6 staff is offering an EANS webinar. Topics include: Updates and Reminders as the CRRSA Program Closes Out and Announcement of Timelines Associated with ARP Program Close Out

Thursday February 16, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Register here: [REGISTER](#)

CRRSA EANS deadline for purchase order invoices

As mentioned in the last program update (11/1/22), we have established **July 1, 2023** as the last date to submit invoices for payment on a CRRSA future reimbursement. Any future reimbursement not invoiced for payment by this date will be canceled and liquidated. With CRRSA EANS ending on September 30, 2023 we need to be able to start closing out that program's expenditures during the summer of 2023. Having all future reimbursement invoices paid or liquidated by this date will facilitate that process.

ARP EANS statewide pool

As of yesterday, ARP EANS schools have expended or encumbered \$38.39 million, or about 52% of the total funds available. At about this time last year, schools had expended or encumbered 67% of total CRRSA EANS funds available.

Thus, similar to last year for CRRSA, **DPI has established a timeline for schools to use or encumber their ARP EANS initial allocation and will establish a statewide pool of ARP EANS funds.** The U.S. Department of Education's most recent FAQ update (see question B-16) clarified that, while states may establish an allocated amount of funds to support services and assistance for schools in the EANS program, that amount may not "artificially limit services or assistance to non-public schools". What this means is that if there are schools that will not spend the ARP EANS funds currently allocated, we have created an artificial limitation for schools that have used their funds and still have eligible needs due to COVID-19.

Here's how we plan to implement this solution:

- Schools in the ARP EANS program will have until **May 5, 2023** to use or encumber their allocated ARP funds for direct service.
- Any funds not encumbered or used by **May 5, 2023** will be pooled into a state-level fund source to support ARP-eligible schools with continued eligible need due to COVID-19.

- The new ARP EANS pooled-funds request process **will begin on June 5, 2023**. Those claims will be reviewed and approved based upon the extent of need in the school and availability of state-level pooled funds **on a first-come, first-served basis**.
- No ARP EANS requests for service will be accepted after May 5 and before June 5, 2023. This will give CESA 6 time to close-out initial allocation requests after May 5 and accurately estimate the amount of pooled funds that will become available on June 5.

This solution will have provided approximately 16 months for participating schools to plan how to use their ARP EANS funds while also ensuring that schools with continued needs are not necessarily limited in the services and assistance available to them by the initial allocations. If your school has been approved for a direct service that you will NOT be following through on, please alert CESA 6 NOW so we can liquidate that PO from your allocation. Liquidations after May 5, 2023 will be returned to the statewide pool. CESA 6 will discuss this process at the February 16 webinar and will post a recording and the slide deck to their Events & Learning page.

Sincerely,

DPI EANS staff