

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
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O. Approval of methodology to provide assistance to eligible Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools under Senate Bill 2948, Section 29 (xxx)

Background and Purpose: Senate Bill 2948, Section 29 (xxx), of the 2021 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) for the use in the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program. Through the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program, the MDE will provide assistance to eligible non-public elementary and secondary schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the state.

Eligibility: Non-public elementary and secondary schools must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to receive funding under the Senate Bill 2948 EANS program:

- Hold a non-profit status
- Accredited, licensed, or otherwise operating in accordance with State Law
- In existence prior to March 13, 2020
- Is not participating in the EANS program under the MDE Office of Federal Programs
- Did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37)) made on or after December 27, 2020
- Did not apply to participate in the federally-funded EANS program and subsequently withdrew from participation

Funding Source: State

Basis for Support and Assistance:

The reservation to support and provide assistance will be based on the following methodology:

I. Low-Income Enrollment Reservation:

Each Non-Public Elementary and Secondary School will receive a reservation based upon a per pupil amount of \$1,252 for each low income student enrolled

during SY19-20. The Low-Income Enrollment Reservation will be calculated as follows:

Low-Income Enrollment Reservation = Number of low-income students enrolled at the Non-Public Elementary and Secondary School during SY19-20 x \$1,252

II. Overall Enrollment Reservation:

The remaining amount is reserved based on a per pupil calculation. The Per Pupil Amount will be calculated as follows:

Per Pupil Amount = Remaining Available under Senate Bill 2948 EANS Program Funds ÷ Total number of students enrolled at all participating Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools during SY19-20

The Overall Enrollment Reservation will be calculated as follows:

Overall Enrollment Reservation = Per Pupil Amount x the Number students enrolled in the Non-Public Elementary and Secondary School during SY19-20

Total Reservation = Low-Income Enrollment Reservation +
Overall Enrollment Reservation

Should any participating Non-Public Elementary or Secondary School relinquish its reservation prior to the end of the program, the MDE will redistribute the relinquished reservation to other participating Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools based on the Overall Enrollment Reservation calculation.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None