

OFFICE OF CHIEF ADVOCACY AND COUNSEL
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 11, 2021

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- I. Approval of methodology to provide services and assistance to eligible Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools under the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021* (CRRSA Act)

Background and Purpose: Through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS), Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) will provide services and assistance to eligible Non Public Elementary and Secondary Schools to address the impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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 EANS program:

- Hold a non-profit status
- Accredited, licensed, or otherwise operate in accordance with state law
- In existence prior to March 13, 2020
- 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)) that is made on or after December 27, 2020

Funding Source: Federal funds

Basis for Support and Services:

The reservation to support and provide services 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-Profit 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 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