

August 5, 2024

Dear Governor and State Educational Agency Official,

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) is reaching out to you in your roles as the grantee and State director/State authorizing official of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act) Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. As you know, under the EANS program, the Governor is the grantee, while the State educational agency (SEA) is responsible for administering the program.

Similar to our [January 27, 2023, communication](#) to Governors, the Department encourages the Governor's office and the SEA to take steps to ensure that ARP EANS and reverted ARP EANS funds are fully utilized. SEAs should work with ARP EANS participating non-public schools to determine if all the EANS services and assistance for which funds have been obligated will be needed. If the SEA finds that not all obligated ARP EANS funds will be needed, it should immediately take steps to de-obligate those funds and revert them to the Governor so that the reverted funds can be obligated by the September 30, 2024, deadline.

In addition to ensuring that any reverted ARP EANS funds the Governor has already received are obligated by September 30, 2024, for authorized purposes under the Governor's Emergency Education Relief program under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (GEER II), the Department recommends that each Governor reach out to the State's SEA to check on the status of funds under the ARP EANS program. If the SEA determines that some previously obligated ARP EANS funds will not be needed, the Governor should work with the SEA to revert any available ARP EANS funds to allow time to use them.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department using your State's mailbox ([\[StateName\].OESE@ed.gov](mailto:[StateName].OESE@ed.gov)).

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