



April 21, 2021

To: Nebraska Non-Public School Administrators

CC: State Board of Education, Commissioner's Cabinet, and NDE Leadership

RE: Commissioner's Message: EANS FINAL Allocations & Vendor Partnership

Congratulations, your school has successfully submitted an approved application for the Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) federal program and are ready to proceed with the next steps.

The Department is excited to announce its partnership with FACTS Educational Solutions (FACTS Ed) as the provider for services or assistance to address the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and supplement safety efforts for K-12 non-public schools in the State. FACTS Ed, a Nebraska based company, with a solid history of providing services inline with the EANS program through research-based educational resources and teaching services to supplement in-class academic recovery and acceleration for small group target instruction and intensive instruction while ensuring students' needs are being met and progress is being made.

On April 21st at 10:00 AM CDT, the NDE and FACTS Ed will host a 2-hour informational session through Zoom: <https://educationne.zoom.us/j/99176080763> (Meeting ID: 991 7608 0763). FACTS Ed will be introduced, provide an overview of the next steps and other pertinent information, with time for questions you might have. With schedules very busy, this informational session will be recorded and viewable on the [NDE EANS Services and Assistance website](#), and conducted again as necessary.

FACTS Educational Solutions will function as your primary point of contact, fiscal agent and service provider for this program. Nonpublic schools will create budgets, view spend-down reports, request services, develop programs, submit requests for reimbursement, assess and coordinate all activities through FACTS Ed. In many ways FACTS Ed will function in a manner similar to the way your local school district functions for ESSA services.

The [Final Allocation for EANS Services](#) have been released on the [NDE EANS Services and Assistance](#) website and reflect changes from the preliminary allocation based on schools who chose not to participate or were not eligible for this Federal program. The final allocations are based on school enrollment and poverty data provided by the nonpublic schools through the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) system for the 2019-2020 school year.

As you assess and identify your school's educational renewal and acceleration needs, please consider best practices to effectively mitigate the impact of COVID-19 for the most vulnerable students who depend on our K-12 non-public schools.

Remaining EANS Timeline:

- April 1-30 Final Allocation of Services and Assistance Posted
- **April 21 (10:00 AM) – FACTS Ed Vendor Introduction and Next Steps Zoom session.**
- May 1 - Schools Qualify Budgets and Begin Requesting Services or Assistance
- July 28 Obligation Date – Services or Assistance Purchased or Under Contract
- September 30, 2023 – Allocations for services must be expended by this date

This message is being sent to those listed in the NDE database as Superintendent for a participating Nebraska nonpublic schools as well as the contact provided in the application process. Please forward as necessary.

For additional information on allowable services or assistance, please see the U.S. Department of Education: [EANS Program Frequently Asked Questions Document](#) and the [NDE EANS Services & Assistance Webpage](#).

For program or operational questions, please contact the Nebraska Department of Education:



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