



September 13, 2022

To: GEER II Reimbursement School Administrators and EANS Contacts
From: Jim Kent
RE: Program Change

I am writing to let each of you know that there has been a shift in the way that the GEER II Priority 2 funds may be used moving forward. In conjunction with Governor's office, GEER funds come through them, a decision to pivot the fund uses has been made.

Of the over \$1.9 million that has been budgeted so far, approximately \$1.1 million has been budgeted to be spent, the remaining \$800,000 has been categorized as unallocated. This means about 42% is going unspent. In addition, in mid-August we received communication from USED telling us their interpretation of the GEER program was that it did not allow for reimbursement to nonpublic schools.

Our goal was and remains to get as many funds as possible into the hands of our nonpublic schools in a way that they can use it, within the rules we have been handed. Therefore, in light of the two things mentioned above we will be changing the GEER II Priority 2 (reimbursement) fund to services moving forward. These funds will be treated exactly like the EANS II funds for allowable spending.

For those of you who were able to submit for full payment of the calculated funds you may continue on that path and do not have to make any changes. It really keeps it simpler if you are able to do that and payments to you will not be impacted by this change.

For those of you who were not able to claim the reimbursement, you may amend your budget moving forward to pay for services. Your FACTS PSM will be in contact with you to explain how that will work.

With this change in the program, we are also moving the date for final submission of the budgets to September 30, 2022. That should allow schools who need to amend or strategize new services needs to make and submit those adjustments.

I also want to let you know that payments from NDE to FACTS for funds in EANS I and EANS II have been made for all invoices submitted to NDE by FACTS on or before August 17. The three GEER funds are lagging behind that. I anticipate that our reworked process will be caught up on all funds soon.

If you have questions regarding the changes in the reimbursement program, please contact your PSM at FACTS or myself at jim.kent@nebraska.gov.