



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

April 15, 2021

Representative Joe Courtney  
United States House of Representatives  
55 Main Street  
Suite 250  
Norwich CT 06360

Dear Representative Courtney,

Thank you for your letter seeking information on the State of Connecticut's plan regarding the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) fund allocated to the State by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 133) and the State's plan to provide relief to its endowed academies in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has an application currently available for non-public schools to apply for the \$15.7 million in EANS funding. The application deadline has been extended to April 19, 2021 to maximize the number of applicants. The first group of applications were approved, and the schools were notified last week.

CSDE has committed to provide approximately \$1.4 million in aggregate funding to the three Endowed Academies through their Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II State Set Aside. This \$1.4 million will be distributed on a weighted per pupil basis, taking into account the percentage of students in each academy who are eligible to receive Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. The amount of funding provided to each school is detailed in the table below:

	ESSER II Support
Gilbert School	\$154,329
Norwich Free Academy	\$807,680
Woodstock Academy	\$397,186

While the endowed academies are not eligible for a formula grant under ESSER II, as they do not receive Title I funding, they are the designated public middle/high school for 3,840 Connecticut resident students. The endowed academies are considered the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for these students and for the purpose of Federal reporting. Therefore, the Department felt it was important to ensure the schools had resources to support whichever method of learning (in-person, hybrid, remote) they needed to implement in response to the pandemic.

I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to reach out to me directly should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa McCaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Melissa McCaw  
Secretary  
Office of Policy and Management