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Another Federal Fund Boost to Montana Non-Public and Homeschools in COVID-19 Relief Funds

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HELENA –Montana was allocated $12.8 million from the Federal Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program (EANS) in January 2021. As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed by the President on March 11th, 2021, an additional $12.8 million will be flowing to Montana non-public schools and homeschools through the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). The purpose of these federal funds is to provide services and assistance to non-public schools and Montana home school student populations that enroll a significant percentage of low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19.

“I believe the unique fluctuations in our public-school student enrollment this year reflect the impacts of COVID-19,” stated Superintendent Arntzen. “The data currently shows an increase of 71.8% in homeschool activity. These federal dollars recognize a need for enhanced education wherever students in Montana are learning.”

The Montana Office of Public Instruction has an early enrollment portal with more information and opportunity to register for these non-public school federal funds.

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Population: 1,005,141
Nickname: Treasure State
State Capital: Helena
State Flower: Bitterroot
State Bird: Western Meadowlark
State Animal: Grizzly Bear
State Fish: Blackspotted Cutthroat Trout
State Gemstones: Sapphire & Agate
State Motto: Oro y Plata (Gold and Silver)