**CARES Act Grant Program**

1). The Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program, part of the Hazleton Area School District, acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Note: The Hazleton Area Career Center applied only for the student portion of the grant. The institution did not apply for the institutional portion.

2). The Hazleton Area Career Center has received $16,833.00 from the U.S. Department of Education in accordance to the institution’s Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3). The Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act in the amount of $16,833.00 has been issued to students of the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program on 9/10/2020.

4) There are eight students currently enrolled at the Hazleton Area Career Center who are eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

5). The Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act has been issued to all eight students of the Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program on 9/10/2020.

6). Students in the Practical Nursing Program at the Hazleton Area Career Center provided a written statement on how the COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted them resulting in an emergency need.

7). Students were educated on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act and how this law can provide some relief to student borrowers. In addition, students were educated on how these emergency grants will assist students experiencing financial hardships with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, including but not limited to:

 **a) Assistance with the purchase of food**

 **b) Needs related to housing/rent**

 **c) The purchase of course materials**

 **d) Technology related needs**

 **e) Assistance with health care and/or child care expenses**