Supplement, Not Supplant Provision and Corps Funding

The Supplement, Not Supplant (SNS) is a statutory provision across numerous federal grant programs. The Supplement, Not Supplant provision applies to the Education Corps funding. This provision requires federal grant funds to add to (or supplement) and not replace (or supplant) state or local funds in providing educational services.

Any service that is provided in the prior year with state or local funds that are replaced by federal funds in the next fiscal year is assumed to be supplanting.

It is possible for a school district to have a particular expense that *may look like* supplanting, but in actuality, is not. Districts in this scenario must be sure to provide adequate documentation to illustrate that these funds are used for supplemental purposes, such as:

- Demonstrate that the service, program, or activity would not be provided if these additional federal funds are not available.
- Demonstrate that the state or local funds that had been paying for this program or activity in years past are no longer available.
- Demonstrate that existing staff, who otherwise may not have been needed due to lower than anticipated enrollment or lack of state or local funding, have been repurposed to manage pandemic-related duties.