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Keywords: Supplement Not Supplant, Sequester; Using Federal Funds for Conferences, Meetings and Food; Title I and the Incorporation of Arts Education; Rural Conference

Attention: Superintendents, Treasurers, Title I Directors/Coordinators and Consolidated Application Contacts

Summary: The United States Department of Education issued guidance on Supplement Not Supplant and Sequester; Using Federal Funds for Conferences, Meetings and Food; Title I and the Incorporation of Arts Education; Rural Conference

Supplement Not Supplant and Sequester

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FYI

The United States Department of Education issued guidance on **Supplement Not Supplant and Sequester**. The guidance focuses on the issue of when a local educational agency (LEA) choses to use local funds to make up for a decrease in Title I, Part A (Title I) funds in order to continue providing Title I services and whether this might cause a supplanting problem if an LEA replaces the local contribution with Title I funds in a subsequent year. USDoE does not consider this situation a supplant. Rather, the local contribution would merely serve to provide the same or similar level of Title I serve per sequestrations – that is, the local funds would help implement the LEAQ's federal Title I program. Absent the local contribution, the LEA's Title I program would be less robust. To ensure that a local contribution does not raise the presumption of supplanting, an LEA should document that the local funds are, in fact, being used to support the Title I program and meet all applicable Title I requirements. The full letter is available here.

Using Federal Funds for Conferences, Meetings and Food

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The United States Department of Education issued guidance entitled "**Frequently Asked Questions to Assist U.S. Department of Education Grantees To Appropriately Use Federal Funds for Conferences and Meetings**". The guidance is available at: http://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/gposbul/gposbul.html]. This new guidance is generally intended to apply to professional meetings, including those that you may have with LEA staff, and not to school-based events such as a Title I parent meeting.

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Title I and the Incorporation of Arts Education

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The United States Department of Education issued a letter about the **role of arts education within the Title I, Part A Program.** The letter discusses how the arts can be used to improve the educational achievement of children served under Title I. The letter can be found here.

Rural Education National Forum—October 31–November 1, 2013, Greater Columbus Convention Center

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Hosted by Battelle for Kids (link to: http://www.battelleforkids.org/) and the Ohio Department of Education, the Rural Education National Forum is an interactive opportunity for education, community, and business leaders dedicated to making education work for rural communities. The Forum is designed to highlight powerful instructional and leadership practices in rural districts, focus strategic conversations around rural opportunities and challenges with national and local experts, and build a network for collaborative action.

Teams are encouraged to attend. Learn more (link text to: http://www.battelleforkids.org/events/rural-education-forum) and watch the Forum video (link text to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8dPiuiuZm4)
Questions? Contact Battelle for Kids' Support Team at 1-866-543-7555 or Support@BattelleForKids.org.