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## *Friday Forum*

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- Commissioner Frank Edelblut is sharing this [letter](#) to provide transparency and direct communication related to the **ED 306** process. The State Board of Education procedures will be followed and an initial proposal will be placed on the board's February meeting agenda.
- This week, NHED [launched](#) its fourth year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – a program that encourages and provides financial assistance so that every child can experience the benefits of a fun and engaging summer camp adventure. Registration is now open and we encourage school leaders to share this [flyer](#) with families.
- Governor Chris Sununu is sharing this [letter](#) regarding the “**Governor for a Day**” initiative. This competition is open to all middle and high school students across New Hampshire. Please share this information with your students.
- The U.S. Department of Education recently [announced](#) that it will be accepting applications for states to apply for **late liquidation** of ARP ESSER and EANS funds. Under a liquidation extension, if approved by NHED, LEAs will have additional time to carry out contracts, or other properly made obligations, for allowable activities when those obligations were made on or before the statutory deadline of Sept. 30, 2024. A liquidation extension beyond Sept. 30 is not automatic. LEAs should make every effort to complete all projects by the close of the grant on Sept. 30. Grantees will need to submit required information and obtain approval from NHED to receive a liquidation extension for themselves. Under no circumstances may a State or subgrantee enter into new contracts (or incur new obligations) relating to ARP after Sept. 30. NHED is currently working on the application process for these requests and will provide more information as it is available.
- Attention educators! Registration is now open for the final cohort of NHED's Leaning Into Literacy partnership with the **Lexia LETRS** program. Phase six [registration](#) is available and coursework is expected to begin this fall. This is the last opportunity for this free professional learning, which includes a stipend and micro credentials for eligible participants.
- NHED and College Guidance Network invite you to an in-person presentation and discussion on how schools and school counselors can take action now to **harness the power of AI** to support students and families. The event will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 25 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. [Register here](#).

- Proposed changes to the administrative rules governing **School Building Aid**, ED 321, have been posted to the rulemaking register. The proposed draft may be viewed [here](#), as well as the notice that provides a summary of the rules and the information for the public hearing.
- NHED and **321 Insight** are partnering to offer a new [series](#) of virtual learning opportunities designed to support paraeducators in their work. The three, one-hour virtual sessions will focus on Behavior Support Strategies, and will take place on Feb. 7, 14 and 21.
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education is providing an electronic version of its [high school equivalency information packet](#), which reflects updated details on the HiSET exam and GED test. Schools may [request a copy](#) of the HiSET Official Practice Test 9. In addition, the Bureau will be offering a free, [online webinar](#) from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 8 to **cover high school equivalency** information for schools such as choosing a test, preparing for the test, applying for an age waiver, registering and paying for the test.
- Elizabeth Duclos, New Hampshire's Teacher of the Year, is hosting a [webinar](#) designed to help educators **organize their classroom library** to help promote a love of reading. It will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 31.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- Trusted by educators since 2005, the **Discovery Educator Network** offers one of the most thriving professional learning networks in the world. DEN Members are dedicated to preparing learners for tomorrow by using digital resources and DE to create innovative classrooms connected to today's world. NH educators are encouraged to [join the Discovery Education Network](#) and are invited to participate in an upcoming [spring workshop series](#), which includes CEU credit.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#) for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.

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