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Friday Forum

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- NHED is announcing the [expansion](#) of its partnership with **Tutor.com**, which adds academic support and tutoring services for students in grades 4 and 5, as well as adult learners.
- Congratulations to Michael Blair of Manchester Central High and James Thibault of Winnisquam Regional High for being selected to represent New Hampshire in the [U.S. Senate Youth Program](#).
- NHED received \$21 million in requests for the third round of the **SAFE grants** program. The Public School Infrastructure Commission met on Dec. 6 and approved \$9.7 million of SAFE grants. Schools that did not receive grants in rounds one or two were prioritized, and further funds were allocated on a first come first served basis. Grants will be reviewed by the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council likely early next year.
- The Office of ESEA Title Programs is seeking input from New Hampshire's **non-public schools**. Please complete the [Google Form](#) to provide input regarding state-level title program services.
- Save the date! **VR New Hampshire** and NHTI are hosting [Level Up](#), an event for students to explore opportunities after high school. It will take place on March 22 at the NHTI campus in Concord.
- Attention public schools and public charter schools within Liberty natural gas and electric territories. There is still time to receive [NHSaves](#) rebates and incentives for your **energy efficient projects**. For electric customers, propane equipment may also qualify. Please reach out to Missy Samenfeld at Liberty, melissa.samenfeld@libertyutilities.com, 603-216-3672.
- The **Charitable Trust Unit** of the New Hampshire Department of Justice offers several valuable resources to nonprofit organizations that operate nonpublic and chartered public schools. Resources include free online training sessions for board members of New Hampshire nonprofit organizations. CTU will be holding its winter training at noon on Dec. 13. More details [here](#).
- A public hearing will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the State Board of Education meeting to discuss an [application](#) for the Landaff Blue School Innovation Plan.

- NHED has received notice of a [settlement agreement](#) reached in a class action lawsuit against McKinsey & Co., Inc. The **settlement** will result in a Public School District Opioid Recovery Trust, which will hold and distribute funds recovered from the opioid industry defendants. Class Member public schools may be eligible to apply for grants received from the Trust. More information may be found [here](#). School districts should review the notice with local district counsel and determine appropriate action for their districts.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#), during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research will also measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. Superintendents and school principals interested in learning more may email Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at vancampm@bc.edu to set up a meeting.
- New Hampshire **Agriculture in the Classroom** is sharing its [December newsletter](#).

Resources for Educators

- NHED and 321 Insight are partnering to offer a series of [virtual learning opportunities](#) designed to support **paraeducators** in their daily work. The second series, Restructuring the Environment to Build and Sustain Positive Relationships, will continue at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.
- **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.
- **College Guidance Network** is a valuable resource for school counselors, which offers on-demand college and career resources, live events and its free [Roadmap to College](#) platform.

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