



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

March 10, 2023

- In support of [RSA 193:26-a](#), the State Board of Education has approved a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) waiver for schools to use.
- Members of NHED's Division of Education Analytics and Resources will introduce the **INHDEX** system, along with our collaborators from Alma Technologies Inc, in a joint presentation to the New Hampshire School Administrators Association on March 17.
- The US Department of Homeland Security has released the Fiscal Year 2023 [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The grant program supports local communities in their efforts to prevent targeted violence and terrorism, and provides \$20 million in funding for projects. Applications are due April 25.
- The US Department of Agriculture has issued this [memo](#) concerning the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 and its effect on **Child Nutrition Programs**.
- **Learning Blade for Teaching Intro to Coding** will be held at 3:30 p.m. on March 23 via Zoom. Explore this free statewide resource that includes an easy way to introduce middle school students to coding and teach a broad range of computer science concepts. The event is free; register [here](#).
- **Learning Blade for Career Exploration** will be held at 3:30 p.m. March 28 via Zoom. Learning Blade is a free resource provided in partnership with NHED, and offers a system of interactive online lessons, teacher lesson plans and projects for grade 5-9 students focusing on STEM, CTE and computer science careers. The event is free; register [here](#).
- The [Darcy E. Richie Teacher Courage Award](#) recognizes a civics, US government, or history teacher who has demonstrated courage and excellence in civic education with a \$10,000 award. Nominations are being accepted until March 27.
- School nurses, guidance counselors, school psychologists, teachers and administrators are invited to participate in a [series of Project ECHO sessions](#), **Collaborating to Support Student Mental Health ECHO**, from 8-9:30 a.m. every Wednesday in May. This is designed to provide skills to address mental health concerns in school-age children. Apply [here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Federal Compliance has released its [March newsletter](#).

- For schools looking to reduce operating costs and improve building energy performance, Lakes Region Community College is offering a Spring 2023 Level 1 **BOC Building Operator Program**. More details are available [here](#).
- Please share your experience with **home or nonpublic education** in New Hampshire. NHED has partnered with Gallup to learn more about how to best support families like yours. Parents are invited to sign up for a 90-minute phone interview in exchange for a \$75 gift card upon interview competition. Visit this [link](#) to sign up. Nonpublic school leaders interested in sharing the study with families at your school should email [nicole\\_willcoxon@gallup.com](mailto:nicole_willcoxon@gallup.com).
- NHED and 321 Insight are once again partnering to offer a week of full-day, in-person **professional development sessions** designed to support all educators in their work. The morning session will focus on deepening understanding of social and emotional learning and strategies to help students develop these skills. The afternoon session will focus on helping students build the skills they need to stay regulated. These sessions will be offered in locations throughout the state from March 20-23. [Complete this form](#) to reserve your seat.
- The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration are offering a virtual training for parents, caregivers and families on the **mental health needs of children**. The Zoom webinar will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. on March 22. Register [here](#).
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** FitMoney provides free, unbiased financial literacy programs to empower students with critical life skills for a financially fit future. [FitMoney](#) offers a .25 credit Financial Literacy Certificate via the FitMoney FinanciallyFit Certificate, available to students in grades 8-12. This is a self-directed course and is available completely online and for free.
- NHED recently launched its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com’s free access for their students. This program meets all data privacy requirements.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Learn more [here](#); contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 or [Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com](mailto:Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com).

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