



Friday Forum

March 29, 2024

- Congratulations to **Brandie Bolduc**, a teacher at Daniel J. Bakie Elementary School in Kingston, who has been chosen as the NH 2024 state finalist for the prestigious [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#).
- Efforts underway at NHED to ensure that students are receiving **accessible educational content** and that individuals with disabilities can secure meaningful educational opportunities are being [recognized](#) by national and local organizations.
- This week, NHED issued a [technical advisory](#) to ensure that districts are aware of their obligation to provide **one meal for each student**, including kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students, pursuant to RSA 189:11-a.
- US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona recently released this [letter](#) regarding recent work to transform the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) form.
- Keene State College is promoting its [Special Ed Administrator MEd/Post-Master's Certificate](#) program. Candidates may enroll in **degree tracks** or choose specific courses that meet their individual needs.
- Details on how LEAs may submit **late liquidation request forms** for ARP ESSER III Funds can be found [here](#).
- A [public hearing](#) on the **ED 306 rules** (Minimum Standards for Public School Approval) for ED 306.01-306.25 will take place from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 3 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. A public hearing on the second half of the ED 306 rules (306.31-306.46) will take place at 1 p.m. on April 11 at 25 Hall St. in Concord.
- Schoolhouse has launched its [registration](#) for free **May SAT bootcamps** in preparation for the May 4 SAT exam. These bootcamps cater to the new Digital SAT. Please share this information with your high school students and families; the deadline to register is April 3.
- This week, **Tutor.com** issued this [open letter](#) to NHED and New Hampshire school districts.

- NHED has issued a letter requesting [recommendations for talent search](#), and is seeking a relatively new educator who has distinguished themselves above and beyond established top-quality professionals in our schools. The **talent pool** recommendation form is available [here](#).
- Enrollment for the 4th Annual **Assistive Technology Expo** is open. As part of the NHED's [NHAT Connect Project](#), vendors and educators are invited to join together from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 16 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. Participants will engage with vendors and educators through presentations and demonstrations. Join us for a day full of learning and networking opportunities related to services focused on ensuring that all students can be successful in inclusive learning environments. Sign up [here](#).
- Recently, education leaders and researchers at UNH sent **surveys to kindergarten teachers** and elementary school principals about their familiarity with various classroom practices and how they are implementing or supporting those practices in their schools. If you would like more information, please contact Kimberly.Nesbitt@unh.edu. It is a 15 minute survey; those kindergarten teachers and elementary school principals that complete it will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- NHED is hosting a required training in April 2024 to familiarize users with the foundation documents needed to prepare for the SSIS changeover from i4see to **iNHDEX** in January 2025. Topics that will be covered include: 24/25 Submission Layout Document, 24/25 Data Dictionary, high level overview of the training plan for SY 24/25, and other available documents and resources. Four training sessions will be offered, including two for Alma student information system (SIS) users and two for non-Alma SIS users. The trainings will be recorded:
Alma Users Training Session 1: April 10 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM [Register here](#).
Alma Users Training Session 2: April 18 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM [Register here](#).
Non-Alma SIS Users Training Session 1: April 11 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM [Register here](#).
Non-Alma Users Training Session 2: April 19 from noon – 1:30 PM [Register here](#).

Resources for Educators

- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **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.
- **Discovery Education Experience**, available at no cost to all NH PreK-12 schools, is an excellent support to enhance your reading programs, social studies and science curricula, and to reach English language learners and students with differentiated learning needs. [Contact Nancy Rose](#) to learn more or schedule free professional development. Schedule now to reserve summer and back-to-school days!

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