



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

March 3, 2023

- This week, NHED kicked off a [statewide literacy campaign](#) designed to foster the **love of reading**. While the campaign's primary goal is to encourage and promote reading among early learners and their parents and caregivers, the state also hopes to solidify and grow its reading proficiency. Visit [nhlovesreading.org](#).
- Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the annual **3M Young Scientist Challenge**, a nationwide competition for student innovators produced by 3M and Discovery Education. The challenge recognizes students who have demonstrated a passion for using science to solve everyday problems and improve the world around them. Entries are accepted at [Young Scientist Lab](#) until April 27.
- 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 supports and skills to help student learning. 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.
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** The mission of [FIRST Robotics](#) is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. The programs are designed to build science, engineering, and technology skills aimed to inspire innovation and foster well-rounded life capabilities such as self-confidence, communication, and leadership.
- **Pandemic P-EBT benefits** are available through the Department of Health and Human Services to qualifying households with school-aged children for last summer. If you do not currently receive SNAP benefits and there are children in your household who are eligible for NSLP, you will need to complete an [application](#) between March 25 and April 24.
- Better Business Bureau Serving New Hampshire is awarding three, \$5,000 **scholarships** to qualifying students attending four-year colleges this year. BBB Serving New Hampshire has awarded more than \$150,000 to students of its Accredited Members since 2002. Apply at [bbb.org](#) by June 30. Call 603-224-1991 for more information.
- The Bureau of Adult Education is seeking proposals from school districts to provide an **adult high school program** provided through in-person, hybrid, Hyflex or online instructional

delivery and leading to a high school diploma or an adult high school diploma for adults and eligible high school students. The RFP is [here](#); a vendor conference is at 9 a.m. March 7.

- The Bureau of Adult Education is seeking proposals from eligible providers to provide **integrated education and training programs** and/or integrated English literacy and civics education programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 for the period starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Applications may include up to nine months of program design and planning prior to direct student services. The RFP is [here](#).
- Middle and high school students are invited to participate in this optional [Student Wellness Study](#) conducted by RMC Research. The **study** results will identify student perspectives that can assist administrators in making decisions to benefit school climate. No data or findings will be used for school or district accountability purposes.
- 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).
- Discovery Education invites schools to celebrate **Women’s History Month** by [exploring free resources highlighting women in STEM](#). Questions about access or free professional development may be directed to [nrose@discovered.com](mailto:nrose@discovered.com).

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