



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- Elementary and early childhood educators will be [awarded a stipend](#) for helping New Hampshire children build a strong foundation to literacy. This week, Governor and Executive Council approved \$956,340 in federal funds to be distributed as **stipends** to eligible participants of the Lexia LETRS program.
- NH public and public charter schools are invited to apply for the **Bridging the Gap in the 603: Pathways to Literacy Proficiency State Systemic Improvement Plan** pilot beginning in the next school year. The Bureau of Special Education Support will be selecting up to eight schools to participate in the first cohort. Selected schools will receive training and coaching in the science of reading to support the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based literacy practices. Interested schools have until May 19 [to apply](#).
- This week, the U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office issued two guidance documents to school officials to remind them of their obligations to protect student privacy under **FERPA**. Those are available [here](#) and [here](#).
- NHED staff conducted two webinars this week offering a refresher training for **Career & Technical Education data uploads**. The next deadline is the End of Year submissions due June 30. Here is a [recording of the webinar](#).
- Project ECHO, a Dartmouth Health program, is offering an interactive, web-based learning series designed to provide tools for school staff, coaches and community youth leaders to better **support youth under stress** and in distress. [Register here](#).
- Only two weeks left! Please share this electronic [flyer](#) with your school community and staff to help spread word about NHED's **603 Bright Futures Survey**; the flyer includes embedded links to all three surveys for staff, parents and community members. Public input and feedback is crucial as we aim to help all students succeed. Survey closes April 28.
- The **NH Young Adult Advisory Council** is seeking 18-25 year old individuals interested in helping to find solutions to problems facing young adults throughout the state. More details [here](#).

- The National Cryptologic Foundation has issued a [Student Workbook](#) titled “**Outsmart Cyberthreats**” to help youth better understand Data Care principles and how to put them into practice.
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** [New Hampshire Academy of Science](#) offers four science courses for high school credit in biology, AP biology, chemistry and physics. NHAS is an independent non-profit that offers a variety of science-based programs, including summer courses, after-school programs and science lessons in conjunction with professional mentoring and hands-on research projects.
- A two-session series is being offered by the NH Department of Health and Human Services and Dartmouth Health for school personnel and others. [Effective Vaccine Advocacy: Protecting your Community's Health for School Staff](#) includes sessions on May 3 and May 10.
- **Discovery Education** provides teachers with tools needed to increase engagement and personalize learning. To ensure teachers are aware of and comfortable using this resource, consider taking advantage of free professional learning. Schedule professional learning that meets the needs of your school during staff meetings, PD days, summer PD or Back-to-School days. Please consider using Title II funds to pay teachers when training is offered outside of contracted days. Contact NRose@discoveryed.com.
- NHED 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 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 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. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 or Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com to get set up.

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