



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED welcomed [nearly 100 nominees](#) for New Hampshire's **2024 Teacher of the Year**. Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated educators within our schools.
- NHED is sponsoring a new project on elementary school **student wellbeing and play** in collaboration with the child development researchers in the Cell to Society Lab at Boston College School of Social Work. This [letter](#) highlights the purpose of the project. [Virtual information sessions](#) have been planned for 3 p.m. on May 24 and May 31 for schools that are interested in learning more or getting involved.
- A virtual webinar with Dr. Peter Gray, research professor at Boston College, will take place at 3 p.m. May 23 to discuss [play and why it is valuable for children's healthy psychological development](#). All educators are invited to attend the one-hour, online event.
- The application window for NHED's **Leaning Into Literacy Resource Grant** has closed. Districts that were awarded funding will be or already have been notified.
- The Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is offering two summer [professional development opportunities](#): Introduction to Trauma-Responsive Classrooms and Conversations on Culture and Diversity. Register [here](#) for the summer training.
- The [9th Annual School Resource Office Conference](#) will be held Aug. 8-9 in Pembroke. This event is open to law enforcement, school administrators, educators and school emergency management and safety teams.
- The **Office of Nutrition Programs and Services** is hosting a [Zoom webinar](#) – The Information Buffet, Tips and Tricks for closing out the school year. This event will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 24 and is intended for business administrators and child nutrition directors.
- NHED will be posting its annual **Indoor Air Quality survey** online in the coming weeks for principals, superintendents and facility managers. It is expected, when the survey is posted, that an email from the new facilities inspector, Marlon Austin, will be sent to outline the process involved in completing the survey; it is due June 30.

- **End of year i4see reporting** went live on May 15. Submissions for EOY enrollment, free and reduced meals and home school data must be batch verified no later than June 23 and certified by the superintendent no later than July 7. Other submissions, including college and career readiness and civics, EOY academics, credits and GPA, extended learning opportunities and virtual instruction/remote learning must be batch verified by July 31 and certified by the superintendent no later than Aug. 11.
- The National Center for Competency Based Learning is hosting a series of [listening sessions](#) on the proposed draft of the **Ed 306 rules** (Minimum Standards for Public Schools Approval). Several sessions have been scheduled and more are in the process of being planned. Please reach out to Fred Bramante of NCCBL at fbramante@nccbl.org to schedule a listening session in your region.
- The Bureau of Credentialing is providing training through NHED's Canvas. [Educator Information System \(EIS\) for Employers](#) provides guidance for employer staff on the uses of **EIS** for credential review, renewal recommendations and submitting accurate educator data to NHED. The course is geared towards senior education officials, human resources, myNHDOE security administrators, data submission coordinators, PD master plan contacts and more; this targets those involved with hiring decisions, entering data into local data systems for submission, confirming credentialing rules are being met and more.
- **Tutor.com** is hosting an [Ice Cream Throwdown Sundae Funday](#), and will provide a NH school with the greatest participation rate of live tutoring sessions or writing submissions (from May 1-26) with an ice cream party during the first week of June.
- **Learn Everywhere Spotlight!** [Seacoast Science Center](#) aims to spark curiosity, enhance understanding and inspire conservation of our Blue Planet. Leveraging its remarkable ocean-side location with Odiorne Point State Park, the SSC has cultivated its signature brand of marine and environmental education. The program is approved to offer high school credit in Marine Science.
- 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 to get set up.

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