



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- Congratulations to all of the **NH Excellence in Education 2023 [award winners](#)**, who were celebrated last weekend during a special ceremony. Their dedication to the field of education is inspiring, and we are grateful for their loyalty to learning.
- Attention **high school counselors**! NHED recently partnered with College Guidance Network to offer all NH students and families access to CGN School, a go-to source of trusted information and advice for every stage of the career exploration and college admissions journey. This [resource](#) offers a live expert speaker series, the Roadmap to College feature, an on-demand library of visual content and multilingual options.
- NHED is pleased to announce that it has completed the first year of its **Unified Co-Curricular Activities grants** to schools (following legislation that was passed last year). We disbursed \$49,415 of the \$50,000 allotted to this grant, and supported 16 new activities and two existing activities; those activities include soccer, theater, robotics, basketball, volleyball, spirit, track and field, and physical and emotional fitness.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get a **Paraprofessional II** licensure? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course (July 3 – Aug. 26), which is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Funding may be available through your district. For more information, contact Cynthia Lucero at [clucero@ccsnh.edu](mailto:clucero@ccsnh.edu) or register [here](#).
- NHED's **Bureau of Federal Compliance** would like to share its [June newsletter](#).
- **No Safe Experience** wristbands were delivered to school district SAU offices this week, with some final packages being delivered today. We encourage you to distribute them to your middle and high school students before summer break. Non-public schools that would like a supply of wristbands should email [kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov](mailto:kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov).
- The U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Recruiting Brigade will execute a **Brigade Educator/Community Partner tour** at Ft. Benning, GA, from July 11-15 in order to develop, strengthen and enrich relationships with educational leaders. Learn more [here](#).
- With summer break just around the corner, please view [NH Loves Reading](#) to learn simple literacy activities designed to foster a love of reading among our youngest children.

- NHED is offering a workshop series, **Supporting Literacy Through Evidence-Based Practices and Data-Informed Decisions**, in collaboration with Brent Conway, Assistant Superintendent of the Pentucket School District in MA. The [series](#) is designed to build an effective literacy program within NH schools. Kathleen McCaffrey, the NHED ELA consultant, will be presenting this instructional series.
- **End of year i4see reporting** is now live. 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.
- **Learn Everywhere Spotlight! XR Terra** offers XR Foundations Academy – an online, immersive course that prepares students with skills to begin creating meaningful virtual reality and augmented reality experiences for themselves and their communities. This program is approved to offer a certificate for one-half credit as an open elective in computer science to be applied toward high school graduation.
- NHED has awarded nearly \$800,000 for this summer’s **ReKINDling Curiosity** program – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp has the opportunity. This [flyer](#) outlines scholarship and eligibility information. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31, or when funds are exhausted.
- 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. Congratulations to Berlin Middle School for winning the Tutor.com ice cream contest!
- 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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