



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- One year after launching a partnership with **TeachUNITED**, educators participating in the program say their instructional goals are now coming to fruition, adding the collaborative work has been immensely helpful and effective. Learn more [here](#).
- Registration is open for Phase 4 of the [Lexia LETRS program](#) starting this fall. Our ***Leaning Into Literacy*** initiative aims to create literacy champions and advance reading skills among New Hampshire youth. Please consider taking advantage of these professional learning opportunities – at no cost; registration for this phase closes Aug. 30.
- The SEA and the Campaign for Public Good are collecting **backpacks** for the upcoming school year. The backpack drive will conclude on Aug. 25. New backpacks may be dropped off at the SEA office, 207 N. Main Street in Concord. Email tamarafeener@gmail.com.
- For all families with children covered by NH **Medicaid**, DHHS is asking all school districts to spread the word about the need to complete Medicaid redeterminations when they are due. Please share this printable [flyer](#) with your school communities. Let's help kids keep their health insurance coverage.
- This [letter](#) from USED reminds SEAs about their responsibilities to support the unique needs of students in **foster care**, as required under Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- Per state law, all schools and child care facilities in New Hampshire must complete three rounds of **lead testing** before June 30, 2024, with at least six months between each round. Action must be taken at locations that test at or above 5 ppb. To meet the deadline, your facility should begin Round 2 sampling no later than Oct. 2023. NHDES has financial and technical assistance available to help schools and child care programs comply with the law through the [Get the Lead Out of Drinking Water Program](#). Free lead sampling kits and lab analyses are available to all licensed child care programs and public schools that enroll. The NHDES helpline is 603-506-6469; email info@gettheleadoutnh.org.
- The **Home Education Advisory Council** has published its 2022-2023 [Annual Report](#).

- **Chess in Education-US** is sponsoring a Level 1 training at White Mountains Community College. The training will be held on Sept. 22-23 and Sept. 29-30. Registration will start on July 31 and continue until Sept. 18. Email paulroberts@chessineducation.us for more details.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** This is a friendly reminder to ensure timely submission and draw-down of funds set to expire on Sept. 30, including 2020-2021 CRRSA-ESSER II and several other federal grants that are ending. An email was sent to school leaders on Wednesday with specific details. Sept. 1 is the last day for LEAs to self-return or request return of grants for edits/additions, and Sept. 14 is the last day to submit changes in GMS for a grant. The grant period ends on Sept. 30, and Nov. 14 is the deadline to submit the final monthly report.
- Last week, NHED emailed school leaders the **CRRSA Late Liquidation Template for ESSER II** and related guidance for any project funds requested to remain available past the grant obligation deadline of Sept. 30, 2023. The deadline for final submission of requests for late liquidation extension for CRRSA ESSER II funds is Oct. 31, 2023. For your final submission to be considered, the application and attachments must be fully completed and emailed to ESSER@doe.nh.gov; submission of the form (which is attached to this email) does not guarantee approval of the late liquidation extension request.
- NHED will host a training webinar from 2-3 p.m. on Aug. 30 to review the **FY24 Adequacy Formula**; the State budget makes several changes that impact education funding. Register [here](#) for the training webinar.
- Deadline is Aug. 11! Applications have been reopened and documents have been updated for the [Stronger Connections Grant Opportunity](#) to support **safe learning environments**. LEAs must utilize the updated documents; applications will be considered incomplete if the old forms are used. Please be mindful that this grant is subject to equitable services, which must occur prior to the application submission.
- Summer is an important time to support students. NHED previously 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. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost – even during the summer months. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Online, 24/7 **tutoring** is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with Tutor.com. Students may [register](#) here.

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