



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHED's ReKINDling Curiosity program reached a major milestone in June – providing more than \$1 million in **camp fees** to families that might otherwise not have the resources to send their children to summer camp. [Applications are still open](#) for this summer.
- Deadline extended until 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.
- For any approved public chartered schools that intend to submit **Renewal Lease Aid** applications, please remember that the deadline to submit is Sept. 1. The application may be found on the Bureau of Facilities webpage [here](#).
- The annual **Summer Educators Institute** will take place Aug. 10 at Keene State College. This event is free to participants. You may [register](#) yourself or multiple attendees from your school, district or organization. The Institute schedule is available [here](#).
- The **Library of Congress** is sponsoring a challenge to help improve public knowledge of civics –the rights and responsibilities of citizens – by asking video game developers to create fun video games related to civics that incorporate Library of Congress resources. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners and the games will be hosted on the Library's site for use by the public. The deadline for entry is Nov. 27. More details [here](#).
- In partnership with **Search Institute**, NHED is hosting a free, virtual [professional development series](#) this month. The sessions include: Developmental Assets, The Power of One, The Power of Many; Igniting Sparks; and Engaging Families.
- The 9th Annual [School Resource Officer Conference](#) will be held Aug. 8-9 in Pembroke. School administrators, SROs, law enforcement agencies, and school emergency management teams are invited to attend.
- [Abenaki Educational Posters](#) are available for schools, which bring to life the historic culture of the **Abenaki**. More details are available [here](#).

- NHED is sponsoring a project on **student wellbeing and play** in New Hampshire public elementary schools. The overarching aim of the proposed project is to implement and evaluate two school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#). If you are a superintendent or school principal interested in learning more, please email Dr. Maggie Van Camp vancampm@bc.edu to set up a virtual meeting.
- You can schedule **Discovery Education** professional learning sessions or workshops this summer, during back-to-school professional development days or through the upcoming school year. The Discovery Education learning platform puts exciting multimodal content in the hands of educators and students. Access is free to NH teachers and includes free professional development. Contact nrose@discoveryed.com or 603-913-9335.
- 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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