



Friday Forum

January 10, 2025

- NHED and the New Hampshire Department of Information Technology are aware of the recent **PowerSchool** [cybersecurity data breach](#) and will continue to monitor the situation. There are many school districts statewide that contract with PowerSchool, a student information system, and it is our understanding that they have been notified about the cybersecurity incident. All cybersecurity incidents are taken very seriously, especially those that could potentially involve student data.
- School leaders, security staff and school resource officers are invited to join the **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Task Force** from 3-4 p.m. on Jan. 30 for a [virtual training](#) on assessing and responding to anonymous threats of violence in the K-12 environment. The training will feature a facilitated discussion with school and district leaders on their experiences with managing anonymous threats such as hoax calls, threats on social media and more.
- Save the date for the [Granite State K-8 Literacy Summit](#) featuring Dr. Carol Tolman, Dr. Leslie Lund and others, with collaboration from the National Council on **Improving Literacy**, NHED, The Reading League NH and the NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. More than 15 sessions will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 31 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Early bird specials are available for those that [register](#) before Jan. 17. A discount is available for The Reading League NH members.
- **New Hampshire 911** is available to visit schools for an engaging and educational presentation. Students will learn how 911 works, what to expect during an emergency call and the importance of answering every question. [Schedule a school visit](#) by emailing descpio@dos.nh.gov.
- You are invited to participate in the [School Safety Preparedness Needs Survey](#). This survey is aimed at gathering valuable insights to inform the development of a **School Safety Preparedness 101** training resource designed to enhance the knowledge that you already have on school safety, or serve as a primer for individuals new to their role.
- NHED's **Bureau of Instructional Support** is sharing its [January newsletter](#).
- **Discovery Education** is your partner in learning. You are invited to join them for a dynamic and thought-provoking [webinar](#) that will help your district empower multilingual learners

through creative educational practices and tools. The Empowering Multilingual Learners, Effective Tools and Strategies for Achievement webinar will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 30.

- The University of New Hampshire's **Professional Development Training** is offering several courses for educators, including its [Assistive Technology in Education: Advanced Training for the School Professional Microcredential](#) and [Classroom Technology Certificate for K-12 Educators](#).
- [ParentGuidance.org](#) provides information, courses, professional support and a safe community for caregivers seeking answers and assistance in helping their children navigate challenges such as depression, anxiety and family conflict. Explore their free materials [here](#).

Nominations and Awards

- [Nominations](#) are now open for the 2026 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Program. Anyone may **nominate an outstanding teacher** by Feb. 5. Candidates should demonstrate leadership and be exceptionally dedicated and knowledgeable. The [Teacher of the Year](#) will serve as a leader and ambassador for all of the outstanding teachers devoted to the highest level of student learning.
- The New Hampshire Association of School Principals is seeking [nominations](#) for its **National Distinguished Elementary and Middle Level Principal of the Year**. Candidates must be a member of NAESP for at least one year, and all applicants must have served as a school principal for a minimum of five years. Applications are due by March 21 and should be submitted to NHASP via email or regular mail at PO Box 8617, Concord, NH 03303.
- The New School Nurses' Association is now seeking [nominations](#) for the 2024-2025 **NH School Nurse of the Year**. Nominations may be submitted by any school staff and the award is presented at the annual Excellence in Education event in June.

Resources for Educators

- [College Guidance Network](#) and NHED offer all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to CGN's Roadmap to College and comprehensive library of on-demand **college and career resources**.
- [Xello](#), in partnership with NHED and Granite Edvance, provides NH high school students with free tools needed to explore secondary and postsecondary plans, discover **career aspirations**, uncover interests, and make plans for future success.
- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer **Khanmigo** for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo, an AI platform, serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.

- 240 Tutoring is providing all NH educators with a 50% discount on its course catalog. [240 Tutoring](#) provides digital courses for most **Praxis certification exams**.

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