



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- Nominations for NHED's **Teacher of the Year** program are now open. Please spread awareness using this [poster](#). The purpose of the program is to select an exceptionally skilled teacher who can speak for and bring energy to the teaching profession. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 5.
- The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federal program that allows low-income families to get **free/reduced-priced broadband**. Although school districts cannot sign parents up for this benefit, there are [new, customizable flyers](#) that schools may share with families to promote this offer. Parents must sign up on their own.
- Free digital lessons on **vaping prevention** and resources to quit are available to schools [here](#).
- The **Upper Valley Educators Institute** is offering a series of information sessions designed to help individuals become a teacher, principal, or teacher-learner, earn an advanced degree or simply advance their practice in education. Learn more [here](#).
- Congratulations to NH's **scholarship winners** for the upcoming ASU+GSV Summit, including SAU 21 in Hampton, North Country Charter Academy in Littleton, the Merrimack School District, Birches Academy of Academics and Art in Salem and the Bedford School District.
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education has issued a Request for Applications for eligible Adult Education & Literacy programs to provide a 16-week pilot project using **the Student Achievement in Reading (STAR) program**. STAR is an evidence-based reading instruction program for intermediate level adult learners. The applications are due Jan. 25, and the RFA application is available [here](#).
- The U.S. Department of Energy's American-Made Energy CLASS (Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools) Prize is designed to provide training and cash prizes to school district administration and facilities staff to make **energy management** a sustainable feature of their communities. A total of \$4.5 million in awards is available. Applications are open until Feb. 28. Learn more [here](#).
- UNH is hosting "Your Thoughts Matter: **Navigating Mental Health Virtual Series**" targeting ages 13 and up. More details [here](#).

- NH Department of Transportation is offering an AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) educational outreach program: **Roadways Into Developing Elementary Students**. RIDES is designed to interest K-8 students in transportation careers, while also improving STEM. A civil engineer from NHDOT will facilitate activities, lessons, materials and more. Email Krista Robichaud at [krista.e.robichaud@dot.nh.gov](mailto:krista.e.robichaud@dot.nh.gov) to sign up your school.
- The NH Project Learning Tree, Sustainable Forestry Initiative and NH Timberland Owners Association is now hosting 2023 **Forest of NH Teacher Tours**. Teachers that may be interested can learn more [here](#).
- The **NH Children's System of Care** is launching the fifth year of its [Magnify Voices Expressive Arts Contest](#). Now through April 3, NH students in grades 5-12 are invited to submit a creative piece about their experiences and connections to mental health.
- NHED and Tutor.com have 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 and you do not want to keep your students from this great opportunity.
- NHED has 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 [erin.luper@graduationalliance.com](mailto:erin.luper@graduationalliance.com) for more details.
- The School Readiness Program from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management is offering an upcoming training opportunity. In an effort to help equip security professionals with Bomb Threat Assessment tools, the Office for Bombing Prevention is offering two sessions of the **Introduction to Bomb Threat Management** course at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Jan. 18. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- New Hampshire schools are invited to apply for Cohort II of the NHED-sponsored [TeachUNITED](#) program. This program is designed to assist schools in executing shifts toward better models of teaching and learning by building capacity, not dependency. Cohort II schools must meet one or more of the following: a) rural school; or b) underserved school; or c) designated as an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement school (ATSI). All interested schools must apply using this [Google form](#) open until Jan. 23.

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