



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHED has [launched](#) its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- NHED will be hosting **School Finance Office Hours** from 12-12:45 p.m. on Jan. 27; access using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766529866>. These school finance forums are being offered to school districts as they prepare for their deliberative sessions.
- A new course, [NHED Educator License Renewal](#), is now available on the NHED Canvas portal. The course is open, self-paced, and designed to assist educators with submitting professional development to renew a license. Both Recommended Renewals and NHED Renewals are covered, along with submission guidelines. *No login is required.*
- A revised [draft](#) of the **State ESSA plan** is now available for public comment; comments may be submitted to accountability@doe.nh.gov by Jan. 27. USED is currently allowing states to revise their federal accountability systems to better address the impact of pandemic-related disruptions. As such, NHED has drafted a revised State Plan to solidify previously approved modifications and to propose new changes that will enhance validity, reliability and inclusiveness of data used in New Hampshire’s federal accountability system. The draft also includes updates relating to ESEA Title programs to better reflect current practices.
- Children’s Scholarship Fund New Hampshire is hosting a **2023 New Hampshire School Fair** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 700 Elm St. in Manchester. Families are invited to attend.
- **Scholastic** is hosting a District Leadership Literacy Summit, “It Starts with Our Stories,” honoring Latino Voices in the classroom, at home, and in the community. The luncheon will take place from 12-2:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. For more information or to attend, contact Michelle Casey at Mcasey@scholastic.com or call 603-688-5927.
- Do you know a student who wants to go to college for **nursing**? There’s a new annual scholarship opportunity that they may qualify for, which is offered by FedPoint, a federal insurance and benefits administrator based in Portsmouth. Four recipients will be selected to receive \$5,000 each and announced during National Nurses Week in May. Applications are open until March 6. Apply [here](#).

- The NH Press Association invites high school students to enter its Distinguished Journalism Contest, which recognizes outstanding **high school journalism**. The deadline is Feb. 6. [Register here](#).
- 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.
- 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 for more details.
- Deadline is Monday! 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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