



## *Friday Forum*

January 12, 2024

- NHED has released its newest [cost per pupil data](#) for the 2022-2023 school year. The new statewide average operating **cost per pupil** of \$20,323 is a 4.8 percent increase from last year's average cost per pupil of \$19,400. Total expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year were more than \$3.8 billion in New Hampshire.
- NHED [announces](#) the selection of Richard Sala as the new director of the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR New Hampshire).
- Attention robotics teams! True Robotics is hosting a **robotics competition** on March 30 at Auburn Village School in Auburn. No previous robotics knowledge or assembly is required, and students ages 9-16 may participate by simply showing up, receiving a robot and competing. Teams can learn more and sign up [here](#).
- Today is the deadline! On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, which will provide a unique educational opportunity for schools. NHED may have the opportunity to secure some **solar eclipse glasses** or viewing cards for school districts – if funding is able to be secured. If your school district is interested in potentially receiving some eclipse glasses or viewing cards for the solar eclipse, please express your interest by completing this [form](#) by Friday, Jan. 12. Only one person per district should complete the form. *At this time, there is no guarantee that the glasses will be made available through NHED.*
- John T. Broderick, Jr. is sharing this [open letter to parents](#) regarding the **mental health** challenges facing adolescents.
- **NEA-NH** and the Manchester Education Association are hosting the 2024 New and Aspiring [Teacher Conference](#) on Feb. 10 at Manchester Memorial High School. [Registration](#) is open until Feb. 4.
- UNH College of Professional Studies is offering online [Professional Development Units](#) to support teachers currently working on **site-based licensing plans** or those seeking professional development. Email [carolyn.cormier@unh.edu](mailto:carolyn.cormier@unh.edu) for more details.
- Nominations are open for the 2025 **New Hampshire Teacher of the Year**. Anyone can [nominate](#) an outstanding teacher by Feb. 2. Teachers may also self-apply. Contact Stacey MacStravic at [stacey.a.macstravic1@doe.nh.gov](mailto:stacey.a.macstravic1@doe.nh.gov) with questions.

- Due next week! Adequate Public Education, Input Based Accountability System (**IBAS**) data collection is due by Jan. 15 for all schools. The survey may be found in ESSP.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI-Concord's Community College is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from March 18-May 10. The course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Successful completion of the course will result in a recommendation for a Paraprofessional II license and 3 credits from NHTI. Funding may be available through districts. For more information contact [clucero@ccsnh.edu](mailto:clucero@ccsnh.edu) or register [here](#).
- As part of **National School Choice Week**, a [school fair](#) will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 at Southern New Hampshire University, 2500 North River Rd. in Manchester. The public is invited to attend.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#) for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 [mentoring](#) for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- **Discovery Education Experience** is a supplemental multimodal resource for PreK-12 content across the subject areas and brought to all NH schools by NHED. Educators may leverage engaging resources to spark curiosity and round out science and social studies curriculum, use interactives to make real world connections in math and utilize strategies to support reading. Monthly newsletters are available for school leaders by contacting [nrose@discoveryed.com](mailto:nrose@discoveryed.com).

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