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Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- New Hampshire continues to advocate for the Science of Reading, working to provide and train educators with evidence-based practices to ensure that every child is able to read proficiently. Last week, more than 100 [reading warriors](#) gathered at NHED to watch the documentary “**Hopeville**,” which highlights the struggles around the reading crisis facing our nation and the instructional methods available to change course.
- VR New Hampshire, a bureau of NHED, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities, is celebrating the [2024 Statewide Employment Leadership Awards](#). Five businesses are being recognized for creating **inclusive workplaces** in New Hampshire for young people with disabilities.
- This week, NHED issued a [technical advisory](#) related to **House Bill 1014**, Instruction in National and State History and Government and Civics.
- **NH Civics** is offering three virtual civics education professional development workshops for K-12 educators this fall – at no cost. The workshops will take place from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 21 (Empowering Young Voices K-3), Oct. 29 (Private “i” History Detectives K-5) and Nov. 18 (A Q/A with Discovery Education K-12). [Register here](#).
- Still time to register! **Discovery Education** is hosting a free, in-person workshop at 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. Educators are encouraged to attend and learn more about ready-to-use Discovery Education resources. The STUDIO workshop will teach you how to assess for understanding, foster collaboration, differentiate and support reading and language acquisition. [Register here](#).
- Nominate a teacher for the 2024-2025 **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** award. PAEMST is the nation's highest honor for

teachers of science, technology, engineering and math (including computer science). Do you know an excellent 7-12 STEM teacher deserving of recognition from the White House? [Nominate](#) them for the PAEMST Award for this school year. K-6 teachers may be nominated for the 2025-2026 school year [here](#).

- Don't miss out! NH's [Bringing Back the Trades](#) event featuring **Mike Rowe** will take place on Nov. 15 at NHTI in Concord with networking, hands-on demos and career opportunities for high school students. Tickets and scholarships are still available for students.
- The **LifeChanger of the Year** program is a national recognition program that honors K-12 educators and employees. Since 2011, more than 8,000 educators nationwide have been awarded a total of nearly \$800,000. Every nominee is eligible to win a cash prize of up to \$10,000 to share with their school. Nominate a school teacher or employee [here](#).
- The School Readiness Program **Emergency Operations Plans** submission portal for the 2024-2025 school year is open until Oct. 15. Plans shall be reviewed annually and submitted to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management by Oct. 15 of each year using the secure [portal](#), which will close on Oct. 16. Otherwise, you will need to request an extension by emailing schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov. Please find relevant legislation in 189:64, VI (b).
- NHED's **Bureau of Instructional Support** is sharing its [ESEA Title Programs October Newsletter](#).
- Proud of your **school library**? The New Hampshire School Library Media Association is seeking nominations for its: Outstanding Library Program Award, Emerging Leader Award, Paraprofessional Award and Virtual School Library Award. [Details here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Career Development is hosting an [Opportunity Gap Analysis](#) workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 24 at 25 Hall St. in Concord titled, "**Using Data to Identify and Address CTE Opportunity Gaps.**" This event is ideal for CTE stakeholders, school district BAs, school counselors, advisors, administrators and principals. [Register here](#).
- NHED's VR New Hampshire is seeking feedback to improve its partnership and advance its pre-employment transition services with NH schools. Schools are encouraged to

answer this [questionnaire](#), which is a 15-minute **survey** to gather valuable input to improve and strengthen processes.

- The [ASU+GSV Summit](#) is offering a [GSV K-12 Innovative Scholarship Award](#) to provide complimentary registration to sitting K-12 leaders for its April 6-9 event in San Diego. Leaders awarded this registration scholarship will be able to bring up to two additional cabinet members or colleagues with them. Deadline to apply is Oct. 24.

Resources for Educators

- The competition is on for a [Pizza Party!](#) **Tutor.com** is throwing a schoolwide pizza party for the (in-person) New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of students who connect with a tutor at least once between Sept. 23 and Oct. 31.
- 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.
- NHED's [UpGrade](#) program aims to increase the number of **educators earning tech credentials**, as well as encourage existing technology leaders to receive educator endorsements to teach computer science and similar tech courses. For existing educators, NHED will reimburse the cost of any exams or licensure costs for qualified credentials, up to a total of \$2,000. In addition, teachers will receive a stipend for each credential acquired, up to a total of \$750.

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