



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- This past Monday, the National Assessment of Educational Progress released **The Nation's Report Card**, which provides detailed information about student achievement and learning. Fourth and eighth-grade students were tested in math and reading. You can learn more about the NH and national results [here](#).
- Congratulations to **Christian Cheetham**, a teacher at Alvirne High School in Hudson who was named NH's 2023 [Teacher of the Year](#) during a surprise celebration on Monday. Cheetham was chosen for his exceptional teaching skills and profound dedication to his students.
- Free [training and technical assistance is available](#) for the **Medicaid to Schools** program for New Hampshire schools to gain access to federal dollars to cover critical health services for children.
- NHED is urging school leaders to complete the state's **Critical Shortage List survey**. This survey helps develop an analysis of the teacher supply and demand in New Hampshire, and is updated based on input from school leaders across the state. This survey is available in the ESS system; the deadline for completion has been extended to Nov. 18.
- You and your students are invited to participate in the **2023 USA Biolympiad** – a three-tier competition that demands the very best of students in biology theoretical and laboratory knowledge. The USABO mission concentrates on stimulating young scholars' intellectual curiosity and developing their critical thinking in laboratory skills and biological reasoning to propel them to careers of excellence and leadership in science and technology. [Registration](#) is now open for teachers and students; the fee is \$95 per school regardless of the number of student participants.
- Schoolhouse.world is offering December [SAT Bootcamps](#) at no cost; registration closes on Nov. 2. It is also offering a [College Application Support Hotline](#) with webinars from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 30 and 6-10 p.m. on Nov. 29.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course. This online course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Funding may be available through your district. For more information, contact Cynthia Lucero at clucero@ccsnh.edu or register [here](#). Upcoming classes run Jan. 17 - March 10 or March 20 – May 12.

- **LifeChanger of the Year** is a national recognition program that honors K-12 public school educators and employees annually. [Nominations](#) are now open for educators who are making a difference in New Hampshire, and nominees are eligible to win a cash prize up to \$10,000 split between the educator and their school.
- NH's Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness TA Center offers a monthly **community of practice** for stakeholders to connect with others who are implementing MTSS-B at various phases to share experience, strategies, innovation and support. This group meets from 3-4 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. More details [here](#).
- NHED has extended the deadline to apply for the **iSocial Pyramid Model Framework grant** until Nov. 7. The purpose of this grant is to fund a district to implement Pyramid Model Framework and align it to their existing tiered prevention system. The grant funds the coaching of two practitioners and district-level coaching. More details [here](#).
- The NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health is accepting nominations for **CHART Awards: Character and Resiliency Together**. School principals and heads of schools are invited to nominate one teacher from their schoolwide community. [Nominations](#) close on Nov. 18.
- The 16th Annual **Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship**, hosted by The Gallery Collection, is open to all high school, college and university students age 14 and older. The winning student will be awarded a \$10,000 cash scholarship, in addition to a \$1,000 cash prize for their school. Official rules are available [here](#), and the deadline to submit work is March 2, 2023.
- NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide an extra layer of support for K-12 students and their families 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. Contact erin.luper@graduationalliance.com for more details.

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