



Friday Forum

October 6, 2023

- Congratulations to **Elizabeth Duclos**, a third-grade teacher at Pembroke Hill School in Pembroke who was named [New Hampshire's 2024 Teacher of the Year](#) during a surprise assembly on Thursday.
- This week, NHED released comprehensive [statewide assessment data for the 2022-2023 school year](#). While preliminary **assessment results** were previously published in July at the state level only, the newly published data set provides information at the state, district and school levels.
- NHED has been awarded a [\\$4 million grant](#) from the US Department of Education to enhance its school **finance data collection**, which will immensely improve its transparency.
- NHED issued two new **technical advisories** this week addressing the Chartered Public School Joint Legislative Oversight Committee and Chartered Public School Use of Unused District Facilities, as well as Technology Platforms in Career Exploration or CTE. All technical advisories are posted [here](#).
- School administrators are invited to attend a webinar Oct. 24 titled **“Responding to and Investigating Bomb Threats and Swatting Hoaxes”** presented by FBI Boston and Massachusetts State Police. Register [here](#). This event is open to school administrators and not intended for educators or members of the public.
- **Poetry Out Loud** is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. If your school is interested in joining POL this year, [register here](#).
- The **Children’s Museum of New Hampshire** is offering free self-guided visits for Title I Schools that book a visit now through March 2024. It will also reimburse 50% of bus costs, up to a maximum of \$200. Learn more [here](#).
- NHED’s Office of Nutrition Programs and Services is hosting the **NH Great Apple Crunch** on Oct. 18 to celebrate NH Farm to School Month. Schools are encouraged to participate and send photos of their students or staff crunching into a local grown apple to Madeline Parker at Madeline.R.Parker@doe.nh.gov.

- Following the launch of the **NH State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program** application, local government entities – including K-12 schools – are now eligible to receive services to improve their cybersecurity posture and ensure they can deliver critical government and learning services. Schools interested in applying for the grant program may learn more [here](#).
- The NH Association of School Principals and the NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum are co-sponsoring an event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 titled “**De-Implementation: Creating Space to Focus on What Works Featuring Peter DeWitt.**” More details [here](#).
- The NH Association of School Principals, NH Association of Special Education Administrators and NH Association of School Psychologists invite you to a screening of the movie “**Anxious Nation.**” Register [here](#).
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Students who choose to participate in the free program will be assigned an academic coach. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Nominations and Applications for the nation’s highest honors for teachers of science, technology, engineering and math (including computer science) are now open. Please consider [nominating](#) a teacher (grades K-6) for the **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching**.
- EPA is accepting applications for the 2023 **Clean School Bus Program Rebate Program**, which is awarding \$1 billion to 389 school districts for electric and low-emission school busses, delivering cleaner air for communities across the country. Learn more [here](#).
- Seeking innovative school leaders! NHED has been awarded five registration scholarships to the [ASU+GSV Summit](#) on April 14-17 in San Diego, and we would like NH superintendents to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in attending the summit, please submit a one-page statement to comms@doe.nh.gov by Oct. 27 explaining why you should be awarded a scholarship.
- Online, 24/7 tutoring is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with **Tutor.com**. Students may [register here](#).
- Per state law, all schools and child care facilities in NH must complete three rounds of **lead in drinking water testing** before June 30, 2024, with at least six months between each round. Action must be taken at locations that test at or above 5 ppb. To complete three rounds within the timeframe, schools should complete Round Two sampling by November 2023. To learn more, visit gettheleadoutnh.org or email info@gettheleadoutnh.org.
- NHED’s Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is hosting a **Social Security Disability Youth-Focused Orientation** Nov. 7, 8, 9. The event will review age 18 redetermination, applying for social security disability, paid work-based learning experiences, work incentives and more. Register [here](#).

- **Discovery Education** is hosting its 12th Annual Fall VirtCon, Igniting the Classroom Spark, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 21. This is a great opportunity for educators to hear how other teachers are maximizing the use of Discovery Education in their classrooms. Register [here](#).
- NHED and **321 Insight** are partnering to offer a [new series](#) of exciting virtual learning opportunities designed to support paraeducators in their daily work.

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