



Friday Forum

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- Last week, NHED released its **school safety data** for the 2023-2024 school year, including its [bullying report](#) and its restraint and seclusion report for [public schools](#) and [nonpublic schools](#).
- Sponsored by NHED, the **Play Project** is now available at no-cost to a limited number of NH schools (including public, charter, nonpublic) serving preschool/Pre-K up to grade 8. This free and customizable programming provides a wide variety of open-ended play materials for your school to keep, professional development opportunities for educators (with certificates of attendance), and ongoing supports to pilot, integrate, and evaluate playful learning at no cost to your school setting. Complete this [google form](#) to learn more.
- For those applicants intending to apply for **School Building Aid in FY26**, applications are due by April 1, 2025. Applicants should currently be working on their application, as it is detailed and takes time to complete. The application form and related documents are available at [School Building Aid | Department of Education](#). Incomplete or late applications are unable to be accepted after April 1. For questions or assistance, contact carrie.a.gorman@doe.nh.gov, 603-271-0955, with the Bureau of School Facilities.
- **Mandated Reporting Training for Professionals**, a program of the Granite State Children's Alliance, is offering a training opportunity in partnership with NHED. The [training](#) will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 26 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. Participants will learn about mandated reporting responsibilities required by law, child abuse signs, tips for making the reporting process easier and legal definitions of neglect, physical, psychological and sexual abuse. The cost is \$25.
- In order to support Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers out-of-school-time programming for expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending high poverty schools, NHED is seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Education for a Tydings waiver for the period of FY 2022 **Title IV, Part B funds** awarded under Section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, until September 30, 2025. This request to extend the obligation period is submitted pursuant under section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). This permits NHED in accordance with criteria it develops, to expend the remaining FY 2021 and FY 2022 awarded balance related to this waiver request. As a result, NHED is seeking public input on its request. More details available [here](#). Email comments to ESEA@doe.nh.gov by December 1, 2024.

- This December, White Mountain Science and North Country Education Services, with support from the NH Statewide Family Engagement Center, are partnering to bring [Novel Engineering](#) to North Country schools to boost literacy and STEAM through family engagement. [Register](#) for this unique professional development opportunity where educators can learn how to implement the **Novel Engineering** process designed by Tufts University.
- The NH Beekeepers Association is offering its **George W. Hamilton Scholarship** for high school and college students in the agricultural, biology and honey bee related fields. Please share this [scholarship opportunity](#) with your students.
- The **Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute** is kicking off its second cohort of the [Merrimack Manufacturing Registered Apprenticeship program](#). Applicants are being sought for this workforce development program, which provides the opportunity to earn while learning skills such as precision measurement, fabrication techniques, test and inspection, quality control and more. Email careers@armiusa.org for more details.
- [One World Language School](#) offers pilot programs for **Spanish classes**, which are available to start as early as January 2025 for once or twice per week. It is also fielding requests for Spanish classes in the Manchester and Seacoast areas for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Marie Gurley, Outreach Director, at info@oneworldlanguageschool.org, or call 207-370-8398 to discuss adding language to your curriculum.
- The **MIT Club of New Hampshire** is excited to offer a scholarship of \$2,300 to one outstanding STEM educator from NH to join a group of 50 exceptional teachers from around the world in a week-long program on MIT's campus. This [program](#) is designed for secondary school educators who teach science, technology, engineering or math and are recognized as innovative, creative and dedicated leaders in their communities. If you, or a teacher you know, would be an excellent fit for this opportunity, please show your interest by [registering](#).

Resources for Educators

- 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.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.

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