



Friday Forum

November 3, 2023

- New Hampshire educators and residents are invited to a [film screening](#) of the documentary “**Chasing Childhood**,” which will include a panel discussion and Q/A session at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at Concord High School.
- Registration is open (and will remain open until Nov. 30) for round three of the **Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant**. This \$10 million grant is funded by Public School Infrastructure money and is available to district and chartered public schools. Schools may now register [here](#).
- **Discovery Education**, which is available at no cost to all NH educators, has reached one million engagements on its digital platform here in New Hampshire. Learn [more](#) about how Discovery Education is driving innovation and reaching new heights in our classrooms.
- Congratulations to **North Country Charter Academy** [celebrating](#) its 20th anniversary in operation. NCCA was one of the first public charter schools to open its doors in New Hampshire.
- The Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries is accepting [applications](#) now through Nov. 27 for grants to extend their **school library collections**. Grant applications are open to public, charter and nonpublic schools that have a school library; public schools must have a Title I designation and private schools must have at least 50% of the student population qualify for financial aid to be eligible.
- **College Guidance Network** is hosting a Deadline Hotline webinar from 4-6 p.m. on Nov. 12 for senior students and their families trying to finalize details for the college application process. As the early action deadline approaches, admissions officers from UNH will be standing by to take questions during this drop-in Zoom session. [Register here](#).
- A reminder to schools that their **Emergency Operations Plan/Self-Assessment** was due Oct. 15. Schools that have not yet submitted their EOPs should do so. Schools that need to request a 30-day extension may submit their request to SchoolReadiness@dos.nh.gov. This requirement is in reference to RSA 189:64.
- Complete FEMA [Public Assistance](#) projects for the COVID-19 Disaster must be submitted to **FEMA** by Nov. 7. If you are not interested in pursuing additional funding, no further action is

required. If you have an outstanding submission and have not already been in contact with NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management, you should immediately contact DOS.NHPA@dos.nh.gov.

- Next Generation Learning Challenges and the Barr Foundation are offering Innovative Schools [Learning Excursions](#) for high school-focused teams in spring 2024, supported by mini-grants. Inspire your team by seeing **innovative learning** in action and work together on promising ideas for your high school/district. Two options: 3 forward-leaning rural high schools in Vermont or a larger, urban high school in CT. Applications are due Nov. 27 for priority selection.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#), during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research will also measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. Superintendents and school principals interested in learning more may email Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at vancampm@bc.edu to set up a meeting, or join a drop-in information session from 3:30-4:30 Wednesday afternoons using this [link](#).
- Want to know more about accessing the **EBSCO** host system, an online research platform used by educators? Join a [Zoom training](#) at 10 a.m. on Nov. 9.
- NHED's **Bureau of Federal Compliance** is sharing its [November newsletter](#).
- New Hampshire **Agriculture in the Classroom** is sharing its [November newsletter](#).

Resources for Educators

- The competition is on for a [Pizza Party!](#) **Tutor.com** will be throwing a schoolwide pizza party for the (in-person) New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of students who connect with a tutor during November.
- NHED and 321 Insight are partnering to offer a series of [virtual learning opportunities](#) designed to support **paraeducators** in their daily work. The first series, Understanding Behavior: Challenging Behavior Through a New Lens, will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, 14, and 21.
- **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.

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