



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

Nov. 4, 2022

- A reminder to recipients of **Early Decision SAFE Grant awards** that signed GANS must be uploaded in GMS by Nov. 7. All GANS require two signatures; school board chair and superintendent signatures are required for public schools, and school director and board of trustee chair signatures are required for charter schools. Please initial and date the bottom of each page in the designated space. Email [wanda.m.strukus@doe.nh.gov](mailto:wanda.m.strukus@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- A detailed spreadsheet of **NHED's Covid-relief spending** is available [here](#), and is titled "NHED Covid-19 Program Contracts."
- Approved public chartered schools that lease their facilities are eligible to apply for **lease aid** through NHED. Lease aid applications for FY24 are anticipated to be posted on our website by Nov. 14. Notifications will be sent to charter schools once posted.
- The US Department of Energy recently released a Notice of Intent to issue the first tranche of more than \$80 million of the \$500 million in grants authorized by Section 40541 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The grants may be used for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure at K-12 schools. There will be two funding opportunities in this first tranche, including an \$80 million grant program called the **Renew America's Schools** and a \$4.5 million prize program called **Energy CLASS Prize**. School districts can learn more about these funding opportunities [here](#).
- **Friends Forever International** offers programs that focus on mental and physical health, among others, for individual students and schools that are in need of support to recover from the setbacks that occurred during the pandemic. FFI is an approved Learn Everywhere program. More information can be found [here](#).
- NHED has issued two new **technical advisories**, including a technical advisory related to [court ordered placement payment procedures](#) and another requiring [assistance to certain students with disabilities registering to vote](#).
- NH Bureaus of Adult Education and Career Development will be issuing a Request for Application (RFA) to develop a pilot program to provide CTE to a combination of adult education students and secondary CTE students. This program, **CTE After Dark**, will be hosted at a regional CTE center(s) and offered after regular school hours. One absolute requirement will be the submission of a joint application by an eligible CTE center and adult education center to provide this program jointly. Applications may include costs associated with

staffing, equipment, and other start up costs, and winning applications will receive funding to cover such costs. The RFA will be released in early December.

- As of Oct. 17, requests for a waiver to the age requirement to take the **HiSET exam** may be faxed to the Bureau of Adult Education at 603-271-3454 for approval. A new waiver form has been released to allow the designation of a school staff member to assist the students with the registration process. Notification of waiver approval will be sent by the Bureau to both the test taker and the school staff member. The revised waiver form and How To Register poster is available [here](#).
- 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.
- 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](mailto:clucero@ccsnh.edu) or register [here](#). Upcoming classes run Jan. 17 - March 10 or March 20 – May 12.
- 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.
- NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being 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](mailto:erin.luper@graduationalliance.com) for more details.
- The **U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration**, staffed with professional historians and educators, provides a collection of educational posters that cover a variety of topics around the history of the Vietnam War with a focus on the service and sacrifice of the Vietnam veteran. For more information or to request copies, [click here](#).

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