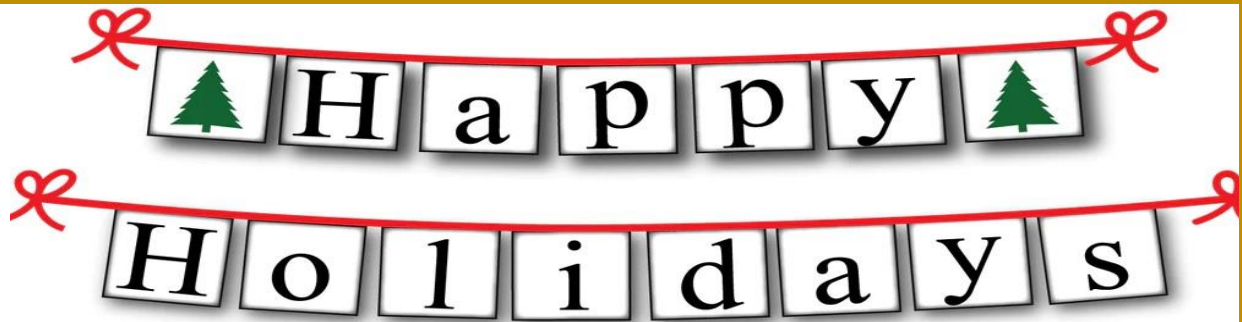




Friday Forum

December 22, 2023



- NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management has issued this [survey](#) for schools and other agencies to complete regarding impacts from the severe **storm and flooding** that began on Dec. 17. If you have trouble completing the survey, or if you have questions, please call 603-271-2231 or email nhpa@dos.nh.gov. Surveys should be completed by Dec. 27.
- Last week, NHED presented its 2023 [Charter School Annual Fall Report](#) to the State Board of Education. There are currently 35 approved **public charter schools** in the state, and student enrollment is up 35% since 2019.
- The NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) will be hosting a free **Internet and Digital Safety** event for adults from 6-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 at Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall, 1 Coe Dr., Durham. The [program](#) includes information on how predators use social media, digital safety, a K-9 team demonstration, presentation by ICAC and Q&A. This event is not suitable for children.
- This week, NHED published its updated **data dictionary** for the 2024/2025 school year, which may be found on the iNHDEX [website](#). A public review and district feedback period will run now until Jan. 18, after which the final requirements will be revised.
- Final reminder! Public charter schools that lease their facilities are eligible to apply for **lease aid** from NHED. Approved charter schools may receive aid of up to 30% of eligible costs or \$50,000, whichever is less. Charter schools that did not receive aid in the 23/24 school year, or whose lease has undergone substantive changes from last year would need to submit an [Initial Lease Aid Application](#), which is due Jan. 1, 2024. Charter schools that received aid in the 23/24 school year, and whose lease has not undergone any substantive changes from last year, may submit a [Renewal Lease Aid Application](#), which is due Sept. 1, 2024.

- 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.

Resources for Educators

- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#) for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **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.
- **Discovery Education** is available at no cost to all NH educators. Learn [more](#) about how Discovery Education is driving innovation and reaching new heights in our classrooms.
- **College Guidance Network** is available for all NH high school counselors, students and families. It offers free access to on-demand college and career resources, as well as CGN's Roadmap to College [platform](#).

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