



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- New Hampshire's **assessment season** is ready to kick off. NHSAS will be administered to students in grades 3-8 from March 7 through June 16. Science proficiency in grades 5, 8, and 11 will also be tested during this same timeframe. Administration of the SAT exam will begin March 22. Learn more [here](#).
- This February, which is **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month**, NHED is raising awareness and celebrating the many achievements of CTE students and programming statewide. [CTE programs in NH](#) accommodate 9,500 high school students and are continuing to expand.
- The **603 Bright Futures Survey** will be administered in the coming weeks, and will be distributed to school leaders prior to the general public. The annual survey provides valuable feedback from educators, families and community members across the state on the successes, challenges and areas of growth from the recent school year. Please look for more details soon.
- NH public school districts are invited to participate in the University of New Hampshire RFP Event Full Service Community Schools Program Planning for one-year competitive funding as part of the **Preschool Development Grant initiative**, which is sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Funding will support districts in developing a comprehensive plan to coordinate academic, social and health services through partnerships to support application to the U.S. Department of Education's Full-Service Community Schools Program. An informational meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Feb. 15; view or sign up for this RFP event [here](#).
- Feb. 12-18 is **Random Acts of Kindness Week**, and Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. To celebrate, NHED has created a [special certificate](#) for school leaders to distribute to students caught performing a random act of kindness.
- Comligo is hosting a workshop, "Discover the cultural diversity in the Spanish-speaking world," at 6 p.m. on Feb. 14 and 9 p.m. on Feb. 16. The objective is to promote the **Spanish language and culture**, and the workshops are free to anyone interested; [register here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education is offering a free professional development workshop for teachers on how to prepare students for the **high school equivalency exam**. The workshop includes an overview of content standards assessed on each subject test, lesson plans and

resources as well as tips for teaching test taking strategies. The workshop is from 9-3 p.m. March 24 at 21 South Fruit St. Concord; register [here](#).

- NHED recently launched its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- NHED and 321 Insight are offering a series of virtual learning opportunities. The next session, **Social and Emotional Learning: Teaching a Skill**, will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. It aims to deepen the understanding of regulation and regulation strategies. Register [here](#).
- 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. This program meets all data privacy requirements and you do not want to keep your students from this great opportunity.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support 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 at no cost. Contact [erin.luper@graduationalliance.com](mailto:erin.luper@graduationalliance.com) for more details.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from March 20 - May 12. 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 [clucero@ccsnh.edu](mailto:clucero@ccsnh.edu) or register [here](#).
- Free [training and technical assistance is available](#) for the **Medicaid To Schools** program for NH schools to gain access to federal dollars to cover critical health services for children.
- PTAN an Affiliate of **Pyramid Model Consortium** is hosting two training opportunities. Teaching Pyramid Infant-Toddler Observation Scale Reliability Training will take place from 9-4 p.m. March 14 and 15; register [here](#) by Feb. 21. Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool Reliability Training will take place from 9-4 p.m. March 27 and 28; register [here](#) by March 7.
- [Choose Love Awareness Month](#) is the annual campaign to spread awareness of the **Choose Love Movement** and the importance of teaching children essential life skills through its free Character Social Emotional Development programming. This year's theme is Love-in-Action focusing on how to use positive action such as walking, meditating and helping others to overcome negatives feelings like anxiety, embarrassment and anger.
- The Center on Rural Addiction from the University of Vermont is inviting you to attend a community workshop: **Illicit Drug Supply: Fentanyl and Xylazine**. The webinar will take place from 12-1 p.m. Feb. 22; register [here](#).

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