



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- The U.S. Department of Agriculture [announced last week](#) updates to the **school nutrition standards** that give schools a clear path forward. By issuing transitional standards that will begin in the next school year, USDA is giving schools time to transition from current pandemic operations toward more nutritious meals. [Learn more](#) about the child nutrition meal pattern requirements.
- A reminder that the deadline has been extended until Feb. 18 to complete a survey drafted by the NH Department of Safety in **assessing our statewide preparedness**. On Jan. 12, Governor Sununu sent an email to school leaders with a link and password to the survey.
- Prenda will be offering a tuition-free, full-day **summer enrichment program** that will operate every two weeks starting on July 5 and concluding on Aug. 26. The Prenda Discovery Summer Camp will be hosted in a guide's home or other suitable locations such as libraries, community centers, dance studios and more. Join the waiting list [here](#), and see the **attached** flyer. To learn more about Prenda, a [virtual information session](#) will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16.
- Schools are encouraged to distribute the **attached**, updated flyer announcing the second summer of **ReKINDling Curiosity**, a partnership between NHDOE and New Hampshire camps and summer programs across the state to offer economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities up to \$650 in camp fees. Schools are best positioned to be able to identify families that would benefit from this program.
- The second video in NHDOE's **Stories of Courage** project, in collaboration with the Woodson Center and in recognition of Black History Month, is now available. You can learn more [here](#).
- A [webinar](#) will take place at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 14 to learn more about applying for the NH [Innovation Schools Fellowship](#). NHDOE is seeking forward-thinking districts to apply for the inaugural **Innovation Schools Fellowship** to help districts launch new school models in their communities. The deadline to apply is March 1.
- NHDOE is pleased to announce that Tristan Bowen, a teacher at Riddle Brook School in Bedford, has won the 2020 **Presidential Award for Excellence** in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She is the only educator in NH to be selected. Learn more [here](#).

- The next Discovery Education **Virtual Field Trip** live event, [American Ideals](#), features an exclusive, immersive tour into the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library where students may explore how topics of leadership, communication and informed action unite people for the greater good. Join in at 1 p.m. on Feb. 17/ Follow this [link to register](#).

NHDOE Discretionary Grants

- CTE Industry Recognized Credentials Grant (deadline March 7, 2022): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/irc.rfa.pdf>
- NH School Safe: Threat Assessment Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-student-wellness/osew/grants>
- Robotics Education Development Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/robotics-ed-fund.pdf>
- Expanded Adult Diploma Program Credit Options Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-expanding-credits.pdf>
- Adult Education Technology Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-technology.pdf>
- Adult Diploma Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-adp.pdf>
- Adult Education & Literacy Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-ael.pdf>

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