



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- A total of [322 nominations](#) for the future **2024 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year** have been received by NHED, recognizing 252 outstanding educators in the Granite State. Congratulations to those teachers who have been nominated, and we thank you for your diligent work.
- The Higher Education [Summit for Youth Homelessness and Basic Needs](#) will take place from 10-3 p.m. on March 24 at Southern New Hampshire University. Come together for a day of learning, discussion, brainstorming and planning to **combat homelessness** and basic needs in our college/university systems throughout NH.
- New **resources for educators** are now publicly accessible on [Canvas](#), including training resources, elementary mathematics professional development, using PACE tasks for learning and assessment, understanding modular assessments and more.
- The **Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion** has issued an [education toolkit](#), Responding to Bias Incidents: A Whole Approach to Assist Educators, Administrators, and Staff to Prevent, Identify, and Respond to Bias Incidents in Schools.
- 2023 [Red Sox Educational Events](#) are taking place at Fenway, including **STEM Education Days** on April 5 (featuring NASA) and April 20 (featuring various STEM industry organizations). Contact Seth Shuman at sshuman@redsox.com for more information.
- The National Center for State Courts invites elementary, middle and high school students to enter its [Civics Education Essay Contest](#), which is designed to promote **civics education** and deepen students' understanding of US government. The contest opens on Feb. 22 and essays will be accepted until March 22; winners will be announced on May 1.
- 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 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.

- 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. Learn more [here](#); contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 or Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com.
- Free [training and technical assistance](#) for the **Medicaid To Schools** program for NH schools to gain access to federal dollars to cover critical health services for children.
- New England Language Academy has announced the opening of new, online **Spanish courses for home education students** of all ages and levels. Small group classes are available two or three times a week. Contact Carlos Reyes at spanish@nelacademy.com.
- This St. Louis high school senior has created a [spelling resource packet](#) to increase the **spelling capability** of students and to address disparities in spelling bees.
- **Learn Everywhere Spotlight! Comligo** is an approved Learn Everywhere program. The mission at Comligo is to promote the study and teaching of the Spanish language around the world, while contributing to widening understanding and dissemination of the Hispanic cultures. It is currently approved to offer three online courses.
- NH public school districts are invited to participate in the University of NH RFP Event **Full Service Community Schools Programming Planning** for one-year competitive funding as part of the Preschool Development Grant initiative sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Funding is intended to support districts in developing a comprehensive plan to coordinate academic, social and health services through partnerships, to support application to the US Department of Education's Full-Service Schools Program. Sign up for the RFP event [here](#) by March 15.
- 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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