



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- Congratulations to Dr. Randy Wormald of SAU #46 who has been named the 2022 **Outstanding Service Award Winner** by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.
- The NH Department of Energy will be rolling out a Notice of Funding Availability next month seeking applications for its **School Energy Efficiency Development (SEED)** grant program. One grant in the amount of \$100,000 will be awarded with a 10% match requirement. This program provides support and technical assistance for a school in a small community to implement energy efficiency projects and make necessary upgrades. The SEED grant program will likely open in mid-May. A formal NOFA will be posted [here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education has issued a [request for applications](#) for the provision of **summer programming** for Adult Diploma Programs and Adult Education Literacy Programs. Applications are now available and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. A total of \$700,000 is available, with the purpose of targeting federal and state adult education funds to eligible ADP and AEL programs in support of year-round programming, including access to adult education services over the summer.
- NHED is pleased to announce the selection of Concord School District and SAU #7 as inaugural members of the **Innovation Schools Fellowship**. If a district wishes to apply for the Innovation Schools Fellowship for this year, please contact Matt Brunell from Rooted Partners at matt@rootedpartners.org by May 1.
- On Wednesday, the Governor and Executive Council unanimously appointed **Melissa White** as the new director of NHED's Division of Learner Support. We are excited to welcome Melissa into this new leadership position.
- An accounting firm in Rye has a large number of **gently used binders** that it would like to donate to any schools in need. Anyone interested may contact MacKenzie Jackson at mjackson@peakconsultantsllc.com.
- NHED is wrapping up its **iPlatform training** sessions with specialized webinars for [school counselors](#) at 3:15 p.m. on May 3 and for [English Language educators](#) at 3:15 p.m. on May 5. [Registration](#) is now open.

- The NH Department of Health and Human Services currently has over-the-counter, **COVID Rapid Antigen test kits** available for schools and daycares. The tests are packaged individually with instructions, and do not require any special licensing requirements. For schools to access test kits, they should complete this [form](#). Tests may be picked up from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the warehouse at 23 Terrill Park Dr. in Concord. Supplies are limited and orders may be reduced to accommodate the demand.
- NHED's **YES! scholarship program** is designed to help families and residents whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by awarding \$1,000 scholarships to New Hampshire students. The scholarships may be used for tutoring provided by [certified NH educators](#), as well as special education therapies and services provided by certified NH special education teachers or licensed therapists. To apply, visit [Yes Every Student](#).
- USED is hosting a virtual summit at 4 p.m. on April 27 titled: **From Recovery to Thriving** – How the American Rescue Plan is Supporting America's Students. You may register [here](#).
- Waterford Upstart is an at-home, **early learning program** that helps children build reading skills before kindergarten so they can be confident in the classroom on day one. NHED is partnering with Waterford to offer these services at no cost. Please share these registration links with parents for the [fall program](#) and [summer program](#). Here is a [sample letter](#) for districts to distribute to parents with children preparing to enter kindergarten.
- Seacoast United is collaborating with NH Employment Security to host a **statewide virtual job fair** on May 4. The free event allows every high school student across the state to log in that day and speak with a company about employment opportunities for the summer. To register as a job seeker or as an employer, visit [Summer Jobs For Students](#).
- The [603 Bright Futures survey](#) will remain open until April 29. We are urging school districts to please share this information with staff, families and the community. Here is a [handout flyer](#) for your convenience. To date, more than 20,000 responses have been submitted. We greatly appreciate your participation.
- NHED is partnering with NH camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer its [ReKindling Curiosity summer camp](#) initiative. [Here is a handout](#) flyer with detailed information on the program, which we encourage schools to share with their families. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students.

NHED Discretionary Grants

- 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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