



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- This week, the State Board of Education unanimously adopted the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Ed 1500, **Innovation Schools**. The intent of Innovation Schools is to provide educators and other stakeholders with the opportunity to implement creative and inventive strategies, increase student achievement and reduce achievement gaps in schools. Learn more [here](#).
- NHED will be hosting **School Finance Office Hours** from 12-1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1; access using this [link](#). This school finance forum is being offered to school districts as they prepare for their deliberative sessions.
- Please share your experience with **home education or nonpublic education** in New Hampshire. NHED has partnered with Gallup to survey and learn more about how to best support families. We hope you'll share your voice. Parents are invited to sign up for a 90-minute phone interview and receive a \$75 gift card upon interview completion. Nonpublic school leaders are encouraged to share the study with families at their schools. To learn more or sign up for a phone interview, visit this [link](#) or email nicole_willcoxon@gallup.com.
- The **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency**, Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) invites you to join a two-hour security webinar to enhance your organization's resilience in case of an active shooter event. The webinar will take place at 1 p.m. on March 16. More details [here](#).
- 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.
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** [EnCube Labs](#) of Nashua offers two online courses – Zero2Maker and Zero2Entrepreneur – each of which will be awarded a certificate for open elective high school credit. The courses focus on product design, mechanical design, circuit design, coding and fabrication, as well as experiential learning in empathy-based problem finding, solution creation, business model creation and business pitching.
- The **State Seal of Biliteracy Committee** is offering a series of webinars about its award program. The goal of these webinars is to support educators who are interested in implementing the program in local schools and districts. The webinar will provide an

overview of the program, including resources and guidance for NH educators; it will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on March 6. More details [here](#).

- NHED would like to make you aware of this [report](#) highlighting how US schools are being targeted for **cyberattacks**.
- **LearningBlade** is offering new drone programming activities. This collection of four STEM Mission Challenge activities enables students to explore how drones are used in real careers. Students will practice manual or programmed flight of inexpensive drones to inspect buildings or equipment, and to patrol a property's perimeter.
- 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.

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