

## Friday Forum

Feb. 3, 2023

- Feb. 12-18 is **Random Acts of Kindness Week**, and Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. To celebrate, NHED has created a <u>special certificate</u> for school leaders to distribute to students caught performing a random act of kindness.
- NHED, which previously launched its Reading Into Literacy Initiative, would like to share this
  informative podcast: <u>Sold a Story: How Teaching Kids to Read Went So Wrong | Podcast
  (apmreports.org)</u>.
- The NH Department of Energy is soliciting written public comment from public school and chartered school officials, education stakeholders and other entities on ways to enhance and improve the **School Energy Efficiency Development (SEED) Grant Program**. This initiative aims to help improve future grant rounds. Solicitation information may be found <a href="here">here</a>.
- Training course available! AWR-148 Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents —
   Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems will take place
   on March 7 in Concord. It is designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel and school
   administrators on the elementary that must be in place to effectively respond to an
   emergency at a school building or school system. More information here.
- NEA-New Hampshire would like to invite all educators to its 2023 New and Aspiring Teacher Conference on Feb. 11. This will be an informal conference offering 5.25 CEU hours; it is specifically geared for teacher preparation candidates and early educators in their first few years of their careers. More details are available <a href="here">here</a>.
- The <u>UNH Tech for Teachers Institute</u> is a paid **professional development program** open to middle and high school teachers from across all STEM subject areas. The Institute will take place July 17-28 on the Durham campus. Upon completion, participants will receive a \$1,500 award, CEUs, classroom supplies and ongoing support.
- Schoolhouse is offering its four-week **SAT Bootcamps** this spring. Registration for the virtual tutoring program is available at this <u>link</u>. The bootcamps aim to prepare students for the upcoming SAT exam.

- 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 <u>register</u> 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 <a href="mailto:erin.luper@graduationalliance.com">erin.luper@graduationalliance.com</a> for more details.
- Art teacher and school chemistry lab safety workshops have been planned for April in Littleton and Claremont for school faculty and facility managers to learn about the proper and safe storage of chemicals.
- School officials interested in NHED's Learn Everywhere program can review this FAQ document. The document assists school districts in understanding the Learn Everywhere program and how a student that participates is awarded credit toward high school graduation.
- The NH Project Learning Tree, Sustainable Forestry Initiative and NH Timberland Owners
  Association are now hosting 2023 Forest of NH Teacher Tours. Teachers that are interested
  can learn more <a href="here">here</a>.
- Discovery Education's resources are available to all NH PreK-12 schools and provide engaging supplemental multimodal content across subject areas to enhance learning, foster independence and explore the world. Educators can <u>register here</u> or reach out to nrose@discoveryed.com.

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