



## *Friday Forum*

February 7, 2025

- There have been a number of **Executive Actions** by the U.S. Department of Education and the Trump Administration. NHED is developing guidance for schools that will be available as quickly as possible. In the meantime, some of the relevant Executive Orders may be found at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) and [education.nh.gov](https://education.nh.gov).
- This week, NHED issued this [technical advisory](#) regarding the U.S. Department of Education taking action to eliminate **DEI** (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives.
- To facilitate the transition from **i4see to iNHDEX**, i4see will be temporarily unavailable for the data migration from now until Feb.16. During this period, submissions will not be accepted to the i4see work queue, except for SASID requests. Student Rosters will be available to upload via iNHDEX, and the iNHDEX Test Harness will be available for testing school level submissions. After Feb. 16, iNHDEX will be the primary student data collection tool and i4see will no longer be used.
- The [UNH Tech for Teachers Institute](#) is a paid **professional development** program open to middle and high school teachers from across all STEM subject areas. The focus of the program is to build knowledge of an emerging technology (this year regenerative medicine and biofabrication) and the transformation of instructional practice through project-based learning. The Institute will take place July 14-25 on the UNH Durham campus. Upon competition, participants will receive a \$1,500 award, CEUs, classroom supplies and support.
- Discovery Education is partnering with the **Mt. Washington Observatory** education team for a unique professional development opportunity. Learn how Discovery Education Experience, in partnership with NHED, supports your instruction on weather, climate and using data in the real world. Learn about the menu of education program offerings supported by the Mt. Washington Observatory, including school-day, virtual, afterschool, and field trip programs. The event is from 9 a.m. to noon on March 8 in North Conway. [Register here](#).
- The **NH Timberland Owners Association**, in collaboration with NH Project Learning Tree, is seeking nominations for the Natural Resources Educator of the Year for the 2025 EDies Awards. This individual should be: a natural resource leader within their school or community; demonstrate the ability to create personalized learning opportunities in the area of natural resources; and demonstrate the ability to design natural resource-

focused classroom and outside-the-classroom instruction and activities. Email [dcullen@nhpit.org](mailto:dcullen@nhpit.org) with nominations.

- **Imagine Learning** is sharing free resources that it provides educators, including [Traverse Explorer](#), which showcases social studies articles for grades 6-12, and [Twig Science Reporter](#), a science newsletter for K-8 educators.
- **Cognia Reads** offers a dynamic and educational experience where Dave Smith inspires elementary students to embrace the importance of reading. Schools partnering with Cognia Reads will have their Readers of the Week/Month placed into a drawing for prizes, including Red Sox swag and the grand prize of four Red Sox tickets. Email [david.smith@cognia.org](mailto:david.smith@cognia.org) to schedule a presentation at your school.
- Xello, which is free to schools through a partnership with NHED and Granite Edvance, is offering training sessions for NH high school counselors and educators looking to offer **career and college readiness opportunities** to their students. A webinar has been planned for noon on Feb. 12, [New Hampshire's Getting Started with Xello for High School Educators](#), which will outline how Xello can empower students to be future ready. A separate webinar will take place at noon on Feb. 18, [Interested in Work-Based Learning at Your School](#), which will offer an overview of Xello's work-based learning tool.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer **Khanmigo** for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo, an AI platform, serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- [College Guidance Network](#) and NHED offer all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to CGN's Roadmap to College and comprehensive library of on-demand **college and career resources**.
- [Xello](#), in partnership with NHED and Granite Edvance, provides all NH high school students (and adult education centers that serve high school students 18+) with free tools needed to explore secondary and postsecondary plans, discover **career aspirations**, uncover interests, and make plans for future success.
- **Microschools** are an emerging model that provide a small, tailored approach to education. For educators considering launching a microschool, visit [KaiPodLearning.com](#) for details, or contact [matt@kaipodlearning.com](mailto:matt@kaipodlearning.com).

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