



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHDOE is proud to announce the launch of its **603 Bright Futures Survey**, a platform that provides parents, educators and community members a chance to share their perspectives and experiences with their respective schools. Superintendents and heads of private schools have been provided with embargoed links to this survey, which they are welcome to share with their respective school leaders at this time. Please wait to share with families until Monday when the survey will be open to the public and remain available through April 29.
- The **SAT testing season** will kick off later this month. [Here](#) is a list of relevant dates for the 2021-2022 New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System schedule.
- Happy Spring 4 Our Troops, a mini **card challenge**, has been launched to offer support and appreciation to our troops. Schools are encouraged to share a note of gratitude with a “Dear Warrior” letter and happy spring message. Envelopes are not necessary, and letters should be mailed to: Holiday Card Challenge PO Box 103 Hollis, NH 03049, or dropped off outside the Hollis pharmacy. Email holidaycardsnh@gmail.com for more information.
- Attention **business administrators**: An iPlatform webinar training session will take place at 1 p.m. March 15 for business admins. Please [register](#) for the one hour event to learn more about the various financial data reported in iPlatform, the cost per pupil across the state and more.
- Middle and high school students across New Hampshire are invited to apply for the **“Governor for a Day”** competition designed to foster civic education and promote youth participation in government. Interested applicants should submit a 250-500 word essay completing the sentence, “If I were Governor for a day, I would ...” Submissions are due by April 22. Please see **attached** letter for more details.
- NHDES and its contracted partner, TruePani, will be reaching out to schools with an update on the required lead in drinking water testing as part of the **Get the Lead Out of Drinking Water Program**, which is an outcome of SB247. NHDES is working on collecting any remaining prior lead testing results, as well as inquiring about any remediation actions that may have been taken by NH schools. The Bureau of School Safety and Facilities will send an email to schools shortly alerting them to this upcoming outreach from the NHDES team. A [notification](#) has also been posted on the Bureau’s website.

- The NH Summer Student Virtual **Job Fair**, which is open to all high school students in the state, will take place from 1-4 p.m. May 4. This event is being coordinated by Seacoast United and NH Employment Security. Employers and job seekers must register in advance; the registration link will be shared in a few weeks.
- Please be aware of a new **TikTok challenge** where students make “mustard gas,” which is the dangerous combination of products such as bleach and ammonia.
- [Read](#) more about how NHDOE is prioritizing **pre-K learning** in the Granite State through its new partnership with Waterford Upstart to help children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2023.
- The State Board of Education is required to provide the **state constitution and election laws** to all teachers of history and civics in the upper grades of elementary schools, and to teachers of U.S. history in junior and senior high schools to be used by them in instruction relative to the laws governing election and voting. Links to these documents are available [on the NHDOE website](#).
- The deadline has been extended until March 18 for all LEAs eligible for the **Rural Education Achievement Program** to [apply](#) for a new opportunity provided by Title II funding to team with NHDOE and [TeachUNITED](#). The [program](#) is intended to build capacity, not dependency, including preparing and retaining valuable teaching staff while bringing about meaningful change in classroom practice and improving outcomes for students in small and rural schools.
- The State Board of Education has issued this [statement](#) regarding **face masks** in schools.

NHDOE 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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