



Friday Forum

March 14, 2025

- Governor Kelly Ayotte [announced](#) Thursday that **Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut** will complete his term in office and continue in holdover status to support schools through the end of the school year. Commissioner Edelblut, one of the longest-serving education commissioners in the country, will help with important transitions including continuing to implement Department programming and working through the state budget process.
- The **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency** invites you to register for its [Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Acts of Targeted Violence](#) webinar at 1:30 p.m. on March 26. During this one-hour webinar, attendees will become familiar with the principles of conflict prevention and gain a more in-depth understanding of effective de-escalation approaches, which can be used to help diffuse a volatile situation.
- NHED's Office of Nutrition Programs and Services is offering a funding opportunity for the implementation and/or expansion of **school gardens**. Please visit [Grant Funding Opportunity](#) for more information. Questions should be referred to madeline.r.parker@doe.nh.gov or amy.l.mcgregor@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED and **Xello** are offering a "New Hampshire's Getting Started with Xello for 9-12 Educators" webinar at noon on March 26. Educators will learn how Xello empowers students to be future-ready, gain practical strategies for classroom integration and get expert tips to maximize their experience with Xello. This [session](#) is ideal for counselors, administrators, CTE educators and classroom teachers.
- NHED has released a Request for Applications for the **21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer 2025 STEAM** program, which provides a competitive opportunity for existing 21st CCLC programs to expand their summer programs. This initiative aims to complement regular academic programming by delivering activities that significantly increase, or are likely to increase, the improvement of academic outcomes of participating students. The deadline for responses is April 13. More details are available at [Title IV, Part B- Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers](#).
- Plymouth State University is inviting educators to its [Bright Spots in English & Social Studies Education](#) conference from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 4 at PSU's Center Lodge. Join **middle and high school English and Social Studies teachers** for conversations about bright spots in teaching and what is working well.

- In accordance with recommendations from former Governor Sununu’s School Safety Task Force, the **New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC)** has developed a biannual School Safety and Security [Bulletin](#) that provides schools with the latest safety and security-related information.
- Congratulations to Dr. Sara Campbell, a Merrimack High School chemistry teacher who has been awarded a full scholarship to attend the annual **MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers** this summer. The MIT Club of New Hampshire selected Sara from many highly qualified applicants based on her commitment to the thoughtful, innovative integration of technology into her courses in chemistry and physical science.
- Applications are now being accepted for the [UNH Tech for Teachers Institute](#) taking place July 14-25. This **paid professional development program** is open to middle and high school teachers across all STEM subject areas.
- 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@nhplt.org with nominations.

Resources for Educators

- NHED partners 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.

- Join NHED and Discovery Education to learn about a new series of engaging, NH-specific digital resources bolstering **civics education** for K-12 students. Educators interested in learning more about these resources are invited to visit the [NH Partnership Resource page](#) or search “New Hampshire Constitution” in Discovery Education Experience. Webinars for educators will be held to provide more details on the lessons:

[Mondays noon to 12:45 \(March 3 to April 14\)](#)

[Wednesdays 3:00 to 3:45 \(March 5 to April 16\)](#)

[Thursdays 4:00 to 4:45 \(March 6 to April 17\)](#)

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