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Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- As SEAs prepare for the upcoming Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Year 2 Annual Performance Report, NHDOE would like to clarify the definition of **expenditure**. An expenditure is incurred by the LEA when the SEA makes a reimbursement for that expenditure with specific funds; the date of the reimbursement determines the appropriate reporting period. Please contact the ESF Reporting Helpdesk with any questions or concerns at ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov.
- **The State of K12 Cybersecurity Report** has been released and is available [here](#) for viewing. The definitive annual report series on cyber incidents affecting U.S. public elementary and secondary (K-12) education institutions is based on a data source that the U.S. Government Accountability Office found to be “the most complete resource that tracks K-12 cybersecurity incidents, including student data breaches.”
- NHDOE officially [launched](#) its **603 Bright Futures survey** on Monday. We are urging school districts to please share this information with families. **Attached** is a template letter to be distributed to families that explains the survey, as well as [this handout](#) for your convenience. Districts will have access to the [NHDOE response rate dashboard](#) to review the number of responses in live time for family, staff and community surveys. A Panorama log-in is necessary; [here are instructions](#) on how to log into your account.
- 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.
- The State Board of Education has approved [two new Learn Everywhere programs](#), including **Uptime Esports and Portsmouth Aikido**. There are now 15 Learn Everywhere programs available to students and school districts in New Hampshire, which allow students to earn credit for learning outside of the classroom. These can be very useful if you are looking for ELO opportunities.
- The NH Governor’s Council on Physical Activity and Health is seeking nominations for its annual **Outstanding Achievement Awards**. These awards are given to individuals and organizations that have accomplished outstanding achievements in promoting healthy lifestyles through increasing opportunities for physical activity, nutrition and overall health for NH residents and employees. Please consider nominating an individual, a partner

organization or a worksite program that has made a difference for your school community from 2020-2022. [Nominations](#) are due April 15; an award ceremony will be held May 20.

- For the second year in a row, NHDOE is partnering with NH camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer its [ReKindling Curiosity summer camp](#) initiative. [Here is a handout](#) flyer with detailed information on the program, which we encourage schools to share with families. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students. Here is a step-by-step [guide](#) on how to apply for ReKINDling Curiosity, which can also be distributed to families.
- Congratulations to Susan Leifer, a Technology Integrator teacher at Mast Way Elementary School in Lee, who has been selected as a **New Hampshire State Finalist** for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). State Finalists represent the most outstanding teachers New Hampshire has to offer and serve as both a model and an inspiration to students and fellow teachers. As a New Hampshire State Finalist, Leifer will move forward to the national level and is eligible to receive a PAEMST award.

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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