



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- The Concord Monitor has launched a new initiative to **celebrate educators**. Individuals are invited to submit a free, short message and photo thanking a teacher, administrator or other educator. Messages may be emailed to advertising@cmonitor.com by March 28. The messages will be published on April 2, and the celebration is sponsored, in part, by Granite State College and NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation Network.
- Please review the **attached letter** regarding statewide assessment participation for 2022. USED has indicated that no waivers will apply to the 2021-2022 school year and 2022 assessments. Under the 95% district and school participation requirement, any students who opt out of the 2022 assessment below 95 % district and school participation requirement will be counted as zero scores.
- Following district meeting and voting season this March, please reach out to NHDOE if you recently expanded your school district's **kindergarten** program to full-day. Districts transitioning from a half-day to a full-day publically funded kindergarten program are eligible for State kindergarten start-up grants to assist in the implementation of the expanded program. Contact Mark.P.Manganiello@doe.nh.gov to learn more.
- New **training videos** have been added to the [NHDOE Technical Assistance and Training - YouTube](#) channel, including a Single Audit Certification Training video and a Subrecipient Monitoring Training video.
- Funded by NHDOE, New Hampshire Assistive Technology Connect is **offering free Assistive Technology learning opportunities** this spring, including expert webinars to engage learners, address cognitively demanding literacy instruction for students with complex needs and more. Additional information is available [here](#).
- The 2022 **TangerKIDS Grants program** is accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year until June 30. You may visit [TangerKIDS Grants](#) to access the online portal to submit a grant request. This year, 40 percent of the grants will be awarded to serve underserved schools or facilitate accessibility and essential student needs.
- NHDOE has partnered with TeachUNITED to provide five rural schools in NH with customized professional development for their leadership teams and educators. **Congratulations to the five schools selected** for this unique program – Barnard Elementary School in North

Hampton, Stevens High School in Claremont, Northwood Elementary School in Northwood, Strong Foundations Charter School in Pembroke and Cornish Elementary School in Cornish. The focus of the program is to transform practices, engage youth and form professional learning communities within Rural Education Achievement Program school districts.

- NHDOE officially [launched](#) its **603 Bright Futures survey** last week. We are urging school districts to please share this information with staff, families and the community. Here is a [handout flyer](#) for your convenience. To date, more than 10,000 responses have been submitted. We greatly appreciate your participation.
- The **SAT** testing season has begun. [Here](#) is a list of relevant dates for the 2021-2022 New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System schedule.
- 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 their families. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students.

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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