



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHDOE has launched a new [Technical Assistance and Training YouTube Channel](#) that will offer important **training content** for school leaders on a vast array of topics, including our first video on charter school budget templates.
- **National School Breakfast Week** is March 7-11, celebrating the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This year's theme, "Take Off with School Breakfast," reminds parents and stakeholders that a healthy school breakfast helps ensure students' academic success.
- NHDOE has officially launched its [Criminal History Records Check Clearance process](#) for **bus drivers and transportation monitors**. This process allows the Credentialing Bureau to receive the criminal records of bus drivers and transportation monitors, and review them for convictions of the violations found in RSA 189:13-a,V. If no violation is found, a statewide clearance will be issued to allow the individual to work in any district throughout the state. New bus drivers and monitors should complete this process immediately. Questions may be directed to Katelyn.N.Komisarek@doe.nh.gov or Susan.C.Blake@doe.nh.gov.
- MetaMetrics is sharing a 19 minute [Zoom video](#) for **librarians** titled, "Putting the Lexile Framework for Reading to Work in the Library." This shares introductory information for library/media specialists on how to utilize Lexile measures within the library context.
- In less than eight months, more than 215,000 digital resources have been used by NH educators, students and families through **Discovery Education's** innovative learning platform. More information about this milestone is available [here](#).
- A reminder that New Hampshire's **Use of Funds Plans** are due by March 9.
- 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.

- One Trusted Adult is hosting a free webinar, “3 Tools in 30 Minutes,” which is designed for parents and educators. It will share three tools for engaging young people in a conversation about growing and maintaining **healthy mindsets**. [Register Now](#) for the webinar taking place at 7 p.m. on March 7.
- The nonprofit **Step Up Parents** is a New Hampshire based charity with a mission to provide financial assistance and support to grandparents and relatives who have stepped up to raise the children of parents with substance abuse disorder. It serves as a resource to fill in the financial gaps for caregivers and their families. A “validator” form may be found on its [website](#) for school personnel to apply on behalf of a family, making the process even easier.
- Registration is now open for the **Northern New England Facility Masters Conference** on April 27 at Oyster River High School in Durham. This conference provides insight into best practices in school facility operations and maintenance. The cost is \$80 if you [register](#) by March 15.
- A [Playground Safety webinar](#) will take place at 10 a.m. May 19 aimed at helping public entities proactively identify and correct hazards present on **playgrounds**. The goal is to prevent injuries to children in our schools and communities.
- The Magnify Voices Expressive [Arts Contest](#) invites youth in grades 5-12 to submit creative pieces about their experiences with **mental health** in NH. A variety of mediums are welcome, including film, creative writing, painting, sculpture and song-writing. All pieces will be showcased to help raise awareness. The deadline to submit has been extended to March 18.
- NHDOE’s Bureau of Adult Education is seeking [proposals](#) from qualified entities to convene stakeholders and develop a 5-year Strategic Plan for the provision and improvement of statewide **adult education services** over the summer of 2022.
- NHDOE is [seeking](#) qualified individuals, teams and organizations to provide training sessions to **charter school developers**, leaders and key staff.

NHDOE Discretionary Grants

- CTE Industry Recognized Credentials Grant (deadline March 7, 2022): https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/irc.rfa_.pdf
- 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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