



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- The Bureau of Instructional Support is pleased to announce that **Anne Wallace**, Mathematics Consultant, is this year's recipient of the Richard H. Balomenos Memorial Award. The award is presented annually by the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics to a state mathematics educator who has shown outstanding service to the mathematics education community. Her fellow mathematics educator, Rob Lukasiak, nominated Wallace. He states, "Anyone who knows our honoree understands what an incredible person she is and what a joy it is to work with her..." NHDOE is grateful to have Wallace as a member of our team, and she is well-deserving of this award.
- National Be Brave Day, which will take place on May 16, is a free school bravery program for kids. To consider becoming part of the **Be Brave Challenge**, visit the [Campaign Website](#) to learn more.
- NHDOE is excited to announce the launch of a new **Leaning Into Literacy** project that aims to improve reading skills among New Hampshire youth. Our Division of Learner Support is now seeking competitive proposals from qualified vendors for capacity building literacy training for adults engaged in raising, working with or teaching New Hampshire children to be successful readers – including parents, guardians, certified educators and more. For more information on NHDOE's Leaning Into Literacy request for proposal, [click here](#).
- [Waterford.org](#) is an education nonprofit with a mission to achieve universal literacy for children. We are proud to partner with Waterford Upstart to give the gift of learning and confidence to young children, and at no cost to NH families. Waterford Upstart is an at-home, **early learning program** that helps children build reading skills before kindergarten so they can be confident in the classroom on day one. Please share these registration links with parents for the [fall program](#) and [summer program](#).
- Congratulations to Alison Memoli of John H. Fuller Elementary School in North Conway who has been named the 2021-2022 **School Counselor of the Year** by the NH School Counselor Association. Memoli has nearly two decades of experience in school counseling.
- USED is hosting a webinar at 3 p.m. April 7 titled: Strengthening partnerships between states, school districts, and higher education to increase the number of teacher candidates prepared to enter the classroom and provide immediate support to schools. Please register [here](#). After registering, you will receive a Zoom link to join the webinar. For reference, please review the **attached NH Critical Shortage Report** for 2021-2022.

- NH Healthy Families is spreading awareness about **cyberbullying prevention** by participating in the [Centene Institute Cyberbullying Prevention Youth Challenge](#). NH Healthy Families is encouraging youth ages 14-19 to participate in the Youth Impact Award to help take action to promote prevention with their peers and community.
- [The Marjot Foundation](#) of Falmouth, Mass., is announcing new funding for high school students in grades 9-11. Scholarship awards up to \$5,000 are available for students or teams of students conducting **scientific research projects**. Please reach out to Ann Craig at 978-462-1887 or marjotfoundation@gmail.com for more information; the deadline is April 20.
- At noon on Monday, April 4, Commissioner Frank Edelblut will host his **monthly conference call** with school leaders. To join the call, visit this [Zoom Link](#).
- New **training videos** have been added to the [NHDOE Technical Assistance and Training - YouTube](#) channel, including a Contract Provisions Training video and a Procurement Methods Training video.
- NHDOE officially [launched](#) its **603 Bright Futures survey** last month. 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 15,000 responses have been submitted. We greatly appreciate your participation.
- 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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