



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

April 8, 2022

- The NH Supreme Court is now welcoming students to the Supreme Court courthouse in Concord to support their fourth-grade civics education curriculum. As in years past, the Court is coordinating with the [General Court of NH Visitor Center](#) to schedule tours covering the three branches of government. You may use their [Book a Tour form](#) to request a **Statehouse and Supreme Court Tour**.
- New Hampshire Assistive Technology Connect and the NH Department of Education (NHED) is hosting a free [Assistive Technology Vendor Expo](#) from noon to 5 p.m. on May 5 at The Hotel Concord, 11 S. Main St. Meet with **Assistive Technology** companies and specialists to learn more about their products and services.
- This week, NHED distributed a survey to select individuals seeking feedback on **its Public School Approval Facility Inspection Program**. The short survey is available [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](#). Here is a [sample letter](#) for districts to distribute to parents with children preparing to enter kindergarten.
- Seacoast United is collaborating with NH Employment Security to host a **statewide virtual job fair** on May 4. The free event allows every high school student across the state to log in on that day and speak with a company about employment opportunities for the summer. To register as a job seeker or as an employer, visit [Summer Jobs For Students](#).
- The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission will "Purple Up! For Military Kids" on April 20 as a way to honor **military children**. Communities and schools are invited to join together and wear the color purple on this designated day.
- NHED is seeking a [program specialist](#) for its Office of Nutrition Programs and Services. This individual would conduct training, monitoring and implementing service delivery program policies and regulations for the USDA Child Nutrition Programs, including the National School

Lunch, Breakfast, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable and Farm to School Programs, as well as federal reporting associated with Claim for Reimbursement payments to the field.

- New **training videos** have been added to the [NHED Technical Assistance and Training - YouTube](#) channel, including an Equipment vs. Supplies training video and a Time and Effort Training video.
- NHED [launched](#) its **603 Bright Futures survey** last month, which will remain open until April 29. 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, nearly 18,000 responses have been submitted. We greatly appreciate your participation.
- For the second year in a row, NHED 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>

*To have information included in future editions of the Friday Forum, email
Kimberly.C.Houghton@doe.nh.gov*