



## *Friday Forum*

May 24, 2024

- Congratulations to the [15 semi-finalists](#) chosen for the 2025 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award. This group of educators represent some of the best teachers working in NH schools!
- NHED [announces](#) its new iFinance search engine, which is part of the growing iPlatform school data transparency portal. [iFinance](#) allows users to explore all DOE-25 financial documents submitted by NH school districts and public charter schools to NHED.
- Save the date for the “New Hampshire Bring Back the Trades and Tradeapalooza” to celebrate and inspire a passion for the [skilled trades](#), and to grow NH’s skilled trade workforce. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at NHTI-Concord’s Community College.
- An anticipated partnership between the New Hampshire Department of Education and Khan Academy could soon offer a pilot artificial intelligence platform for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Meet other teachers using Khanmigo in this [2-minute video](#). School leaders may register for a webinar to learn more: [May 30 at 9:00 a.m.](#), [May 31 at 9:00 a.m.](#), [Jun 4 at 3:00 p.m.](#), [Jun 6 at 3:00 p.m.](#), [Jun 11 at 3:00 p.m.](#), or [Jun 13 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- The U.S. General Services Administration sponsors the [Computers for Learning](#) program. GSA’s New England Region currently has more than 70 computers available for eligible schools through the CFL program. Interested schools are encouraged to reach out.
- Wicked STEM, the [Northern New England STEM Expo](#), will take place on Sept. 21 at the Hampshire Dome in Milford. More than 30 interactive exhibits with hands on STEM demonstrations will be available. Please save the date.
- Learning Through Play: Creating Opportunities for Deeply Connected and Meaningful Experiences, Level 1. Join UNH’s Early Learning Coaching Team for a series of interactive professional development opportunities for education (PS through grade 3). June 26 or July 10. Enroll [here](#).
- The Fully Valued Educator [Retreat](#) at the Browne Center for Innovative Learning in Durham is being offered through UNH’s Professional Development and Training. Embark on a transformative journey of self-care and community with a retreat tailored for educators.

- Visual Access to Mathematics is a free professional learning course being offered to grades 6 and 7 math teachers who have at least one ML/EL student in their class. Participants will receive an \$850 stipend and travel reimbursement. Register by June 3 with this [form](#).
- Chess in Education-US is hosting its **Granite Gambit Professional Development** for 2024. The sessions will take place: July 22-25 for CIE Instructor Training (Level 1 Certification) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manchester Community College; July 25-26 for CIE Instructor Training (Level 2 Certification) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manchester Community College. Details [here](#).
- NHED will be posting its annual **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) survey** online in the coming weeks. It is expected, when the survey is posted, that an email from the Facilities Inspector (Marlon Austin) will follow, documenting the process involved in completing the survey, answers to frequently asked questions, and the due date of June 30.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- [Tutor.com](#) provides on-demand tutoring and test prep for all NH students in grades 4-12, as well as adult learners – at no cost.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Make sure your educators know that they have access to Discovery Education Experience! Copy and paste this into a message for your teachers: Did you know you have an amazing resource at your fingertips? Discovery Education Experience brings engaging multimodal content and activities to you and your students. Need to build background knowledge? Search for Background Builders! Need to get out, but you didn't schedule a field trip? Search Virtual Field Trips or Immersive Explorers! Need a classroom laugh? Search for Norman the dog! To learn more, schedule PD for end of school, summer or back to school, or just ask a question. Contact [Nancy Rose](#) or visit the [NH DE Site](#).

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