



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

May 6, 2022

- Happy Teacher Appreciation week to all New Hampshire educators. Thank you for engaging young minds and devoting your careers to learning. We celebrate you and all of your successes inside and outside of the classroom.
- A reminder about the General Assurances, which were emailed to all superintendents, business administrators and charter school leaders on April 4. If you cannot locate the assurances in your emails, you may locate them here: [General Assurances Department of Education](#). General Assurances are required to be emailed back to federalcompliance@doe.nh.gov, and not uploaded to GMS.
- Please note that there has been a date change for Federal Compliance training. The two BFC training sessions that were originally scheduled for May 12 have been moved to May 18. The Subrecipient Monitoring training will take place at 9 a.m. May 18, and the Time and Effort training will take place at 1 p.m. on May 18.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Each Monday this month, NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is releasing a post on social media that contains a fact, resource, tip and activity related to a mental health topic. This week's topic was Addressing Sadness, and next week's topic will be Prioritizing Wellness. Look for the posts on the [Bureau of Student Wellness Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and on [NHED's Facebook](#).
- You are invited to attend a virtual [mini-conference](#) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 14 titled, "The Ins and Outs of Self-Advocacy for Youth and Families." The session will include a discussion on what self-advocacy looks like in everyday life coming from other young adults, Supported Decision Making (SDM) and understanding why youth voice is essential to decision making.
- Announcing a new [professional development opportunity](#) for NH educators. You are invited to participate in a five-week micro-credential course. Granite State College has been selected to provide training to PK-12 teachers this summer on behalf of NHED. This grant-funded training, which was offered last year as well, will give NH educators

the opportunity to further develop skills related to creating effective virtual classrooms and facilitating engaging online curriculum. The first session begins June 27. Participation is limited, and a \$200 stipend is available upon completion (to the first 1,000 educators who register).

- On April 28, NHED's Office of School Finance sent an email to district public school officials reminding them of the authority the State has on file for them to retain fund balance at the end of the year, or accept unanticipated revenue. As you close out the fiscal year and need technical assistance pertaining to estimated future State revenue, feel free to reach out to Mark.P.Manganiello@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED has been diligently working on automating the Criminal History Records Check Clearance process. We have gone live with the automated process, and are excited for you to start using this new process. Here are [instructions](#) on how to apply for a CHRC Clearance through the automated process.
- The final **iPlatform training** session for English Language Educators will be held at 3:30 p.m. on May 19. [Registration](#) is still open.
- NHED's Office of Nutrition Programs and Services is seeking a [Program Specialist II](#) to 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.
- NHED's **YES! scholarship program** is designed to help families and residents whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by awarding \$1,000 scholarships to New Hampshire students. The scholarships may be used for tutoring provided by [certified NH educators](#), as well as special education therapies and services provided by certified NH special education teachers or licensed therapists. To apply, visit [Yes Every Student](#).
- 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. NHED is partnering with Waterford to offer these services at no cost. Please share these registration links with parents for the [fall program](#) and [summer program](#). Webinars designed for parents and caregivers are also taking place at 6:30 p.m. on [May 11](#) and 5:30 p.m. [May 16](#). Here is a [sample letter](#) for districts to distribute to parents with children preparing to enter kindergarten.
- 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.

NHED 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>
- 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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