



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- We are excited to again announce that, using the **Public School Infrastructure Fund** process, we anticipate accepting school security grants over the next several weeks. Many of you have already reached out to us, but we are not yet ready to accept grants. We will make multiple communications to you once those are available. We anticipate that about \$10 million will be made available to public (traditional and charter) and non-public schools. Stay tuned. As soon as more information is available, NHED will announce the grant roll-out process to schools.
- [Deadlines](#) have been announced for **COVID-19 Disaster FEMA funding**. This [memo](#) from FEMA provides guidance for the Public Assistance program. FEMA has established a deadline of July 1, 2022 to submit a request for Public Assistance, and a deadline of Dec. 31, 2022 to submit projects for work completed between Jan. 20, 2020 and July 1, 2022. Starting on July 2, 2022 and going forward, the cost share for projects under COVID will change to 90% federal cost share (where the remaining 10% will be the responsibility of the applicant). More details are [here](#).
- 2022 **i4see End of Year collections** are now live in the system. As a reminder, submissions (batch verified) are due June 24, (district verified) are due July 6 and certified no later than July 8 for EOY Enrollment, F&R EOY Collection and Home School Academic. All others, including College and Career Readiness and Civics (12th graders only), Credits and GPA (high school only), ELO Students (high school only), EOY Academic (targeted Title I schools only), and Virtual Instruction/Remote Learning are due July 30 (batch verified), Aug. 10 (district verified) and certified by Aug. 12.
- There are several **VFW scholarship opportunities** available for all students (not just children of veterans), and we encourage you to share [this information](#) with families. The VFW also has a [Teacher of the Year program](#) for educators.
- NHED, the NH School Nurses Association and other groups will host a conference titled **“Back to School: Working Together to Address Mental Health”** on Aug. 17 at SNHU Event Center in Hooksett. Teams of nurses, counselors, social workers, psychologists and principals are invited to attend together. There is no fee, and one person from each team should sign up and list the team members attending in the registration; please [register](#) by school. Email nhschoolnurses@gmail.com with questions. Topics include: how the pandemic has reshaped the mental health needs of schools, fostering communications between counselors, social

workers, nurses and more, and the special lens of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

- NHED has launched its new **#603Moment campaign**. The [603 Moment](#) initiative will encourage New Hampshire parents and children to reconnect, destress and be present with those around them. Email 603moment@doe.nh.gov to get involved or request materials.
- A five-week **micro-credential course** will be available this summer for educators. Granite State College has been selected to provide training to PK-12 teachers this summer on behalf of NHED. This [grant-funded training](#) 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).
- The [Stable NH](#) program (within the Governor's Commission on Disability) is an investment account that allows qualified individuals with disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefit programs. **Stable NH accounts** provide financial independence and empowerment for individuals with disabilities by dramatically increasing the ability to save and invest.
- For the 2022 **Clean School Bus Rebates**, EPA anticipates offering \$500 million -- \$250 million will be available exclusively for zero emission school buses and \$250 million will be available for zero emission and multiple types of cleaner alternative fuel school buses. EPA will be using a web-based application process, and will prioritize applicants from high-need school districts, low income and rural areas. The [application](#) period will be open until Aug. 19, 2022.
- School leaders are being encouraged to share information about the [Text 9-1-1 program](#), which is available in New Hampshire. **Text 9-1-1** allows residents in dangerous situations who are unable to risk the noise of a call to send a text for help. This will help save lives and must be used responsibly. Texting should only be used when a voice call is not possible.
- From 1-3 p.m. on June 15, the Cyber Security Agency Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) invite you to join a two-hour **security webinar** to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event. Preparing employees for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Register [here](#).
- [Save the date](#) for the 8th Annual **NH School Resource Officers Conference** taking place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 at the NH National Guard Facility, Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke. The NH Juvenile Police Officers Association, in partnership with the State of NH, Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will host the two-day, in-person training program. It is intended for school resource officers, school administrators, law enforcement agencies, and school emergency management and safety teams. Register [here](#).
- Summer training dates for teachers interested in the **Granite Gambit Chess in Schools** program have been announced. First-time training sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to 3

p.m. July 11-14 and Aug. 15-18 at Manchester Community College. Second-level training will occur from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 14-15 at Manchester Community College. For more details on these free training sessions, email Jerry Nash at jerry@chessinschools.us.

- **Discovery Education** invites you to celebrate [National Zoo & Aquarium Month](#), [Flag Day \(6/14\)](#), and [World Refugee Day \(6/20\)](#). As you wrap up your school year, Discovery Education can support your summer professional development and summer school programs. [Schedule some time!](#) Discovery Education also contains a wealth of resources on [career exploration, especially in STEM fields](#). Please share with your guidance/counseling staff as they help students find their path. Email nrose@discoveryed.com for assistance.
- As a reminder, Commissioner Frank Edelblut's next **monthly call with school leaders** will take place on Oct. 3.

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>

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