New Hampshire Department of Education

Friday Forum

June 2, 2023

- Today, NHED released the <u>results</u> of its **603 Bright Futures Survey**, which was administered this spring. The annual survey provides valuable feedback from educators, families and community members across the state on the successes, challenges and areas of growth from the recent school year.
- This week, NHED launched a new dashboard that uses GIS mapping to identify locally available high-wage, high-demand occupations throughout every region of the state, as well as its CTE programming associated with those occupations. Learn more about our <u>Mapping</u> <u>Bright Futures for New Hampshire</u> platform.
- With summer break just around the corner, please view <u>NH Loves Reading</u> to learn simple literacy activities designed to foster a love of reading among our youngest children.
- NHED is offering a workshop series, Supporting Literacy Through Evidence-Based Practices and Data-Informed Decisions, in collaboration with Brent Conway, Assistant Superintendent of the Pentucket School District in MA. The <u>series</u> is designed to build an effective literacy program within NH schools. Kathleen McCaffrey, the NHED ELA consultant, will be presenting this instructional series.
- The NH State Suicide Prevention Council is sponsoring a <u>Workshop for School Resource</u> <u>Officers</u> on June 20 at the NHNG Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke.
- The Detwiler Family Foundation invests in local organizations to enrich the lives of children dealing with difficult life challenges. It is currently awarding grants up to \$50,000 to organizations serving children's issues such as health, welfare, security and financial hardship with a focus on facilitating access to education and the arts. Grant applications are due July 1.
- Candidates for the 2024 Forbes 30 Under 30 education category are being sought. Nominees
 must be 29 years or younger by Dec. 31, 2023, and should be influential, impactful and
 inventive within their field of education. <u>Nominations</u> must be submitted by June 15.
 Contact Monica Sager at <u>msager@forbes.com</u> for more information.

- The U.S. Department of Education, along with other partners, will host a <u>webinar</u> at noon on June 13 to highlight the role of **special educators** in school safety, security, emergency management and preparedness activities, including emergency operations plan development.
- End of year i4see reporting is now live. Submissions for EOY enrollment, free and reduced meals and home school data must be batch verified no later than June 23 and certified by the superintendent no later than July 7. Other submissions, including college and career readiness and civics, EOY academics, credits and GPA, extended learning opportunities and virtual instruction/remote learning must be batch verified by July 31 and certified by the superintendent no later than Aug. 11.
- NHED has posted the annual Indoor Air Quality survey online. An email was sent on May 25 documenting the process involved in completing the survey, answers to FAQs and the survey's due date of June 30. If there are any questions, please contact <u>marlon.s.austin@doe.nh.gov</u>.
- Discovery Education is here to support NH schools with engaging content and instructional resources across various subjects. Contact <u>nrose@discoveryed.com</u> to learn about free professional development and how Discovery Education can supplement summer programs. More details are available <u>here</u>.
- NHED has awarded nearly \$800,000 for this summer's **ReKINDling Curiosity** program hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp has the opportunity. This <u>flyer</u> outlines scholarship and eligibility information. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31, or when funds are exhausted.
- NHED and Tutor.com partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to <u>register</u> for Tutor.com's free access for their students. Congratulations to Berlin Middle School for winning the Tutor.com ice cream contest!
- NHED partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 to get set up.

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