



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- This week, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, often known as the **Nation's Report Card**, [released](#) the 2023 long-term trend results for 13-year-olds. Nationwide, the new results provide further evidence that students have lost major academic ground in math and reading since the pandemic, coupled with long-term scores that have been declining since 2012.
- As a reminder, all **SAFE grant applicants** must obligate all funds by June 30, 2023. Please direct questions to Chris Armatys at Krzysztof.j.armatys@doe.nh.gov.
- Summer is an important time to support students. NHED previously 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. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost – even during the summer months. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- A free **professional development [summer series](#)** is available from the Office of Social and Emotional Wellness. The two trainings are: Introduction to Trauma-Responsive Classrooms and Conversations on Culture and Diversity.
- Attention all **Purple Star Schools!** The second national convening of local Purple Star Schools will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 26. A national [Call for Proposals](#) has been issued, and proposals are currently being accepted for any NH Purple Star School that would like to submit.
- The deadline for submittal of the **Unused District Facility data collection** is July 1, 2023. To complete, please log-in to myNHDOE and access the ESS System - [myNHDOE Single Sign On System](#). This information is being collected in accordance with RSA 194:61, which requires school districts to report information regarding unused facilities to NHED each year. If your district has not yet submitted the survey, please complete prior to July 1.
- NHED has been contacted by the **Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)** Partner Support Center because select districts have not completed the 2021-22 CRDC registration due June 30; CRDC Partner Support Center has been trying to reach those districts since May 15 to validate contact information. The entire registration process takes less than five minutes, and the CRDC Partner Support Center can assist districts over the phone or by email. The contact form is available [here](#).

- **College Guidance Network** is sponsoring the welcome reception on June 28 at NHSAA's Annual Conference on Educational Leadership & 82nd Business Meeting. CGN invites you to meet Jon Carson, co-founder, and Brennan Barnard, director of counseling, to learn more about the organization. [CGN](#) has partnered with NHED to provide free CGN School licenses to school counselors, parents and students.
- NHED was awarded \$4,833,025 from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act **Stronger Connections grant program**, 95% of which is available through a competitive grant process to LEAs experiencing high needs. The [Request for Application](#) must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Aug. 1. If your school is interested in applying, more details may be found [here](#). Grants will be prioritized according to three areas – access control, emergency alerting and surveillance.
- There will be no conference call with school leaders in July. The conference calls will resume at noon on Aug. 7.
- The annual **Indoor Air Quality survey** is due June 30. An email was sent on May 25 documenting the process involved in completing the survey, as well as answers to FAQs. The survey may be accessed through ESS via MyNHDOE [here](#). Contact Marlon.S.Austin@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- **Discovery Education** provides exciting content to support summer school programs. Students can build background knowledge, explore their world through interactives, go on virtual field trips and many other engaging activities that help develop reading and math skills. All NH schools have access to DE provided by the NHED statewide agreement. Learn more [here](#), or visit DE at the NHASP and NHSAA annual conferences. Contact nrose@discovered.com for more details.
- NHED has awarded about \$950,000 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 [flyer](#) 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 [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students.

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