



## *Friday Forum*

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- NHED recently launched its [UpGrade](#) initiative, which aims to increase the number of **educators earning tech credentials**, as well as encourage existing technology leaders to receive educator endorsements to teach computer science and similar tech courses. For existing educators, NHED will reimburse the cost of any exams or licensure costs for qualified credentials, up to a total of \$2,000. In addition, teachers will receive a stipend for each credential acquired, up to a total of \$750. [Learn more.](#)
- **Discovery Education** is hosting a half-day of learning from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 15 at NHED, 25 Hall St. in Concord. NH educators using Discovery Education will explore how to enhance instruction with SOS Strategies across the subject areas (especially reading and math), apply learning through career and workforce exploration resources, leverage Discovery Education to empower student voice and choice, and take a sneak peek at the coming NH Civics and History resources (for SB216). Recipients will receive lunch, snacks, fun prizes and a certificate for PD hours. [Register Here.](#)
- The annual [Summer Educators Institute](#) will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 31 at Keene State College. This year's theme is **Engaging and Empowering Students and Teachers in Learning**. There is no cost to attend this event, which is funded through Title II, Part A funding from NHED and support from the SW Center for Educator Support at KSC. Concurrently, a [New Teachers Retreat](#) for newly hired educators with less than three years of teaching experience will also take place with the Summer Educators Institute.
- NHED's new [2024 Manual for Planning and Construction of School Buildings](#) has been published. A **school construction project** typically takes five to 10 years. While funding the project and applying for school building aid may be a primary concern among stakeholders, school districts should anticipate at least two years of assessments and planning prior to applying for school building aid from NHED. This updated timeline is designed to help schools and their communities understand the process.
- For prospective and current districts partnering with Khan Academy for its **Khanmigo** AI pilot, a [series of webinars](#) are being hosted throughout the summer designed to enhance your school's educational strategies and ensure a dynamic start to the upcoming school year.
- DHHS's **Radon Program** has funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for twenty free seats to those interested in completing the [Conducting Radon Surveys in Schools](#) online course. While the number of free registrations is limited, the time allotted to

complete the online course is open indefinitely. To register, email [amy\\_moffett@jsi.com](mailto:amy_moffett@jsi.com), or call 603-573-3320 with questions.

- The 10 School **Chemical Safety** webinars were recorded by US EPA and have been posted [here](#). They are also available on our [School Facility Inspection Program](#) webpage under trainings. If you have questions, contact Victoria Davis of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at 603-448-1680.
- **NHED has issued this [technical advisory](#) regarding HB 354, which allows public chartered schools to be eligible to apply for school building aid. Applications are due on April 1 of each year, starting in 2025. School building aid grants may be used for the construction of a new school or the substantial renovation of an existing school. Building aid grant awards are based upon the ranking of the school's building aid application and the availability of State and local funding.**
- **NHED's Bureau of Federal Compliance has released its FY25 Quarter One [newsletter](#).**

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

- Are you seeking highly qualified **mentor-coaches** to support new leaders in your district? [Ensure their chances of success](#). Get them a mentor by contacting Ken Page, NHASP Mentor Co-Coordinator at [kpage@nhasp.org](mailto:kpage@nhasp.org).
- **UNH Professional Development and Training** is offering a new opportunity for educators in grades 5-12, starting this summer. A [New and Early Career Teacher Mentoring Program](#) starts Aug. 6 and will be held in Portsmouth and live online. This year-long certificate course is intended for teachers in their first year or early careers as they navigate the transition from college education to their own classrooms.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer a pilot artificial intelligence platform for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. **Khanmigo** is Khan Academy's AI offering, which serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.

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