• Public school superintendents and business administrators will be receiving an email from Mark Manganiello on Aug. 1 requesting that they review the preliminary adequacy calculations for FY 2023. This requires districts to ensure they have accurate adequacy calculation for their community. Instructions on how to compare the certified EOY (End Of Year) determination sign off report against the adequacy calculation can be found in this training video.

• NHED has issued this technical advisory to provide guidance and clarification on the implementation of new Holocaust and Genocide Education Minimum Standards Requirements.

• Americans for Prosperity Foundation New Hampshire will host its first Education Fair from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 at the Executive Court in Manchester. Families are encouraged to attend. Learn more here.

• Educators are invited to sign up for a two day, in-person Search Institute train-the-trainer workshop that will prepare attendees to deliver the Everyone’s an Asset Builder training and sharing the Asset Message. This workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29 and Aug. 30 at 25 Hall St. in Concord.

• A Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Course, hosted by the UNH Cooperative Extension, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 15-17. Educators who are interested in becoming instructors should contact Sue Meattey at 603-355-2724. Participants are required to attend all three instructor-led sessions, and also complete 8 hours of self-paced study prior to the first session.

• NHED and Search Institute are hosting a free Professional Development Series titled “Developmental Assets: The Power of One, The Power of Many” from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 16 and Aug. 18. The two-session workshop reframes family engagement based on developmental relationships. Register here. More details are available here.

• You are invited to pre-register for Choose Love New Hampshire’s Together We Teach conference being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (registration starts at 8 a.m.) Aug. 20 at the Hilton DoubleTree Inn in Manchester. This is a free event designed to serve as a day of appreciation, connection and inspiration for those involved in the education field.
• Here is a break down of additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service for the State of New Hampshire as part of supporting Child Nutrition Program Operators.

• A free Social Skills Group for children with autism is available through ABA Centers of America in Nashua, and is open to children ages 3-8. Click here to learn more about ongoing events.

• A few legislative updates to keep on the radar:
  1. HB 1074 requires that when a child is enrolled by a parent in a chartered public school, the local education agency of the child’s resident district shall convene a meeting of the IEP team and shall invite a representative of the chartered public school; for all subsequent meetings of the IEP team, the child’s resident district shall provide prior notice to the chartered public school. (effective 6/17/22)
  2. HB 1035 removes the requirement that a parent’s request for a religious exemption to immunizations needed for school attendance be notarized. (effective 7/19/22)
  3. HB 1202 clarifies requirements for vehicles and operators of contract carriers transporting pupils for special education transition services. (effective 7/19/22)
  4. HB 1381 requires that school boards have at least one student member on the school board from each public high school in the district. (effective 1/1/23)

• NHED has launched its annual backpack drive. Please consider donating to this cause. New, donated backpacks are provided to school nurses for distribution across the state to students who need one. For more information, email diana.fenton@doe.nh.gov.

• Attention paraprofessionals! 321 Insight is partnering with NHED to offer targeted and engaging facilitated professional development sessions from Aug 16-18 to NH teachers and paraeducators. Email Kathryn.j.nichol@doe.nh.gov if you are interested. The sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Gilbert H. Hood School in Derry, on Aug. 17 at The Event Center at 25 Hall St. in Concord, and on Aug. 18 at White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield. Workshops will focus on building effective partnerships, coaching and supervising.

• The application for the new Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant is live and may be accessed here. Both public and non-public schools are now eligible to submit applications until Aug. 26. Awards will cover 100% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of $100,000 per school. Award recipients will have 180 days after notice of award to obligate their grant funds. For more information, please visit the SAFE grant webpage. We have received inquiries as to the eligibility of proposed projects where it is unclear if the proposed activities fall under one of the three grant categories of access control, surveillance, or emergency alerting. In such cases, it is suggested that schools submit an application and select the “other” category option in the application form. Eligibility of all projects will be determined after application submission. Please note that applications for projects clearly outside the scope of the three project categories should not be submitted. For example, salary for a school resource officer is not a SAFE grant eligible expense.
• 2022 i4see End of Year collections are still live in the system. As a reminder, submissions (batch verified) were due June 24, (district verified) were 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.

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