Effective this week, public and non-public schools may begin submitting grant applications for school security projects using the process put into place for the Public School Infrastructure Fund. The grant window will remain open until Aug. 26. Projects that address the highest priority security risks will be prioritized for the new Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant. Here is a link to the application. Awards will cover 100% of the eligible project costs.

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 at diana.fenton@doe.nh.gov.

School leaders, please read this memo and fact sheet regarding an amendment to RSA 186-C:2, I: Child with a Disability.

The Yass Foundation is providing more than $10 million in awards and grants to 64 education change makers to enhance their work. Applications are open until July 25. New Hampshire schools are invited to apply.

Education officials are invited by the U.S. Department of Education to join Secretary Miguel Cardona, White House COVID Response Coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha and experts from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a webinar on the importance of improving air quality in schools. The webinar will take place at 2 p.m. today, July 8. Register here.

The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations would like to introduce educators to the Universality of Italian Heritage curriculum created by the New Jersey Department of Education to advance equity, diversity and inclusion within all K-12 academic areas. Here is a link to the curriculum material and a four-part video series offered at no cost to classroom teachers and schools.

More than 40 certified educators and 16 licensed therapists are providing essential tutoring services through NHED’s Yes, Every Student (YES!) scholarship program. The program offers $1,000 scholarships to NH students for tutoring services. Certified educators in New Hampshire that would like to offer services, and get paid for their work, may complete this form. We would love to see more educators sign up to tutor students.
• 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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