



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- Here is a [link](#) to updated **COVID-19 guidance** from the NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- NHED has issued three **technical advisories** that it would like to bring to your attention: [Criminal History Records Check for Substitute Teachers](#), [Convictions That Would Prohibit Certification and Employment](#) and [Exemptions from Immunization Form](#).
- The educational and business communities in NH are joining forces to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students – an initiative aimed to provide students with authentic work experiences and help them prepare for bright future. Learn [more](#) about our new **Work As Learning** program.
- To alleviate some of the **paraprofessional shortage** through the state, NHED is working to quickly deploy a unique and specially designed [paraprofessional training program](#). Starting with targeted and engaging summer professional development series, 321 Insight is offering its first workshop for paras and those interested in exploring para roles from Aug. 16-18. To register, complete this [form](#).
- You're invited to a webinar **titled "Unpaid Meals: Best Practices to Ensure Student Access to Meals,"** which takes place from 2-3 p.m. on Aug. 24. Sometimes, children who are not certified for free meals enter the cafeteria without the funds needed to purchase a breakfast or lunch. This webinar will feature panelists who will share proactive strategies to prevent and manage unpaid meal charges as schools return this fall. Register [here](#), and contact [latasha.beasley@usda.gov](mailto:latasha.beasley@usda.gov) with any questions.
- Nominations and applications for the nation's highest honors for teachers of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM, including computer science) is now open. This year, the **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)** will honor science, technology, engineering or math and computer science teachers in grades 7-12. Nominations close on Jan. 9, 2023. Applications are now open and must be completed by Feb. 6, 2023. Please consider [nominating](#) a 7-12 grade teacher, or nominate yourself.
- Per RSA189:64, every public, chartered public and nonpublic school is required to develop a site-specific **school emergency operations plan (EOP)** that is based on and conforms to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System. Recently passed

[HB1125](#) changed the due date from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 each year. The School Readiness Program with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management sent an email to schools with an updated school EOP template and checklist on Aug. 3. Schools are not required to transition to the new template, however the school EOP must address the new requirements outlined in the checklist. For additional tools to aid in developing and implementing a school EOP along with instructions on how to obtain the newest version of the EOP template visit [this link](#). Please submit your EOP by Oct 15 via HSEM's [secure portal](#), which will open on Sept. 1. For questions about the portal, contact [schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov](mailto:schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov) or 603-271-2231.

- [Registration](#) is now open for the **Granite Gambit** September professional development courses. CIE instructor training for Level 1 certification will take place Sept. 16-17 and Sept. 23-24. CIE instructor training for Level 2 certification will take place Sept. 29-30.
- Local signage and graphics solution provider, **Signs Now** in New Hampshire, wants to help teachers, faculty and staff by hosting a "School Your Signage" contest that will grant six schools \$500 in marketing and signage services for upcoming school events or fundraisers. More information is available [here](#).
- NHDES will be hosting a webinar for NH schools and child care facilities to outline the new requirements related to House Bill 1421 and **new lead testing requirements**, and to answer questions from 1-2 pm. on Aug. 23. Register [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 Meatey at 603-355-2724.
- 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. Register [here](#) for the two-session workshop. 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. 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.
- 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](#). A new [FAQ](#) document has been created, and answers many frequent questions about the SAFE grant process.

- [Discovery Education](#) is excited to announce a new professional learning channel that connects research of Dr. Robert Marzano and Marzano Academies to Discovery Education resources. Grounded in effective adult learning principals, the new [Marzano Academies Channel](#) offers targeted microlearnings that deliver high levels of interactivity and challenge teachers to transfer new learning to their everyday practice. Contact [nrose@discoveryed.com](mailto:nrose@discoveryed.com) to get set up or schedule free training on Discovery Education's Back To School Channel.

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