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Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHED is looking for some talented **high school artists** to paint a mural for our mascot, Max. Please share this [flyer](#) with your art teachers and students. The deadline for entries is Oct. 1.
- Commissioner Edelblut is sharing [this letter](#) with school leaders regarding the upcoming **New Hampshire Bringing Back the Trades** event and corresponding Tradeapoolooza Career Fair on Nov. 15 at NHTI. Students are invited to attend this unique event featuring Mike Rowe, host of the television show “Dirty Jobs.”
- School leaders are encouraged to review [this letter](#) from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, as well as this [calendar](#) to remind schools of important **Jewish holidays** as they create their calendars for the academic year.
- Schools should be aware that an amendment to RSA 288:1 requires that certain educational institutions and all local governments use a holiday's statutorily designated title in official communications, publications, and documents. More details on the amendment are available [here](#).
- NHED's VR New Hampshire team and Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services will be hosting [virtual training sessions](#) to provide **deaf and hard of hearing youth** with resources for life after high school. Several [open houses](#) have also been scheduled.
- **SAFE Grants:** All funds must be expended and all activities completed by Dec. 31, 2024. The last day to submit reimbursement requests is Jan. 30, 2025. Please submit your reimbursement requests in GMS. Email Krzysztof.J.Armatus@doe.nh.gov with SAFE grant questions.

- School administrators and teacher leaders are invited to join NHSAA on Sept. 24 for its second “**Unconference**” for interactive and fun professional development. This event allows participants to be involved in the conversation and learning. Cost is \$219, with sessions on innovative practices, curriculum and instruction, supporting student and educator needs, and money, grants and compliance. [Register here](#). Contact kymra@nhsaa.org with questions.
- **Rapunzl** is a platform that makes financial literacy engaging and accessible for middle and high school students. Schools may seamlessly integrate this [financial literacy curriculum](#) into existing math, finance, business and entrepreneurship curricula.
- School leaders, please review the **ARP ESSER III Reference Guide**. This recently published guide contains important dates, grant requirements, finance, construction, ideas to budget remaining ESSER funds, GMS activity requirements and resources.
- USED is issuing a 2024-2025 Back-to-School call across the U.S. for **student performing artists** who are currently enrolled in institutions of elementary, secondary or post-secondary education or accredited trade schools who exemplify resilience, diversity and excellence and are interested in showcasing their talent – virtually or in-person – at internal and external Department-hosted events. Specific student performances such as bands, color guards, soloists, choirs, dancers, poets, theatrical performers and National Anthem singers are being sought. [Details here](#). Email studentart@ed.gov with questions.

Resources for Educators

- The **Children’s Museum of New Hampshire** is offering 20% discounts on field trips scheduled for October, November and December 2024. Learn more and book online [here](#).
- The New Hampshire **Discovery Education** team is here to support your Back-To-School transition! Educators can [self-schedule virtual PD](#) on a variety of Discovery Education Experience uses in the classroom such as supporting your reading program, building engagement, or establishing classroom routines and positive culture. Also coming soon: NH Civics and History resources from Discovery Education! Reach out to schedule free

professional development in your district or school. Email nrose@discoveryed.com or learn more [here](#).

- NHASP and Demonstrated Success are hosting a [Generative AI in NH Schools](#) interactive webinar series and book study. The goal is to engage in a year-long exploration of how **generative AI** is transforming the education landscape.
- Professional Counselors are invited to this special event! NHED and **College Guidance Network** are hosting a “Building Effective School Profiles” webinar at noon on Aug. 28 featuring Kim DeRego of UNH and Brennan Barnard of Khan Schools Network. This session is designed especially for professional counselors to equip them with practical strategies to showcase school strengths, academic rigor and student success stories in a way that resonates with colleges. [Register here](#).
- Join Drs. Jessica Black and Maggie Van Camp as part of the fall readings series at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 to discuss **brain development in children** and adolescents - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. [Details here](#).
- Join Dr. Peter Gray, a research professor from Boston College, for a webinar at 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 28 to discuss the importance of **free play** and independent adventures for children and teens - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. [Register here](#).
- **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’s [UpGrade](#) program 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.

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