



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- To register for the **Lexia LETRS professional learning program** that is available (at no cost) to educators, administrators, parents and guardians, visit this [link](#). This collaboration between NHED and Lexia is part of NHED's Leaning Into Literacy initiative, which aims to create literacy champions and advance reading skills among NH youth. Email SOR@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- Today is the application deadline for the new **Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant** for public and non-public schools. The Public School Infrastructure Commission met this week and ranked the first round (early decision) projects. NHED expects to update its website early next week with the selected grants that will be presented to the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and the Governor & Executive Council. NHED anticipates approvals for the early decision awards by Oct. 4. The second round of projects will likely be about one month behind the first round, although those projects have not yet been ranked; a date for the commission's next meeting has not yet been set. For more information, please visit the [SAFE grant webpage](#).
- On Monday, Commissioner Frank Edelblut and Deputy Commissioner Christine Brennan joined other State School Chiefs from throughout New England for the first annual **Reimagining Education and New England's Workforce (RENEW) summit**. Learn more [here](#).
- NHED will be kicking off a [#603Moment](#) Back to School Edition. To request #603Moment whiteboards for your school and spread a little positivity, please email 603moment@doe.nh.gov.
- The NH Department of Health and Human Services has an important update for families with children covered by **NH Medicaid**. During the COVID-19 federal Public Health Emergency (PHE), New Hampshire has provided continuous health care coverage for children and families that receive Medicaid. When the PHE ends, this extended coverage will end too, and families may need to complete a renewal to re-certify their children's Medicaid eligibility. Learn more about planning for the end of the PHE [here](#).
- Continuing with its efforts to close gaps and recover from missed learning, NHED has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. More information about this initiative may be found [here](#). School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students.

- 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 or 603-271-2231.
- We are sharing important updates for the **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program**. SAU's must submit their June claims for SY 2021-2022 by Aug. 29. September will be the last month to use your SY 2021-2022 FFVP funds. Please use these funds to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables or small equipment, if needed. Any leftover funds will be returned to the USDA.
- As we approach the closeout of the **CARES-ESSER grant** at the end of Sept. 2022, there are federal disposition requirements that must be followed regarding those supplies and equipment purchased under the grant. Questions should be addressed to ESSER@doe.nh.gov.
- [Discovery Education](#) provides early learning support through its new partnership with Sesame Workshop, featuring curricular resources that address needs associated with interrupted schooling and prioritized by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding. [Watch this short video](#) to learn more. Don't forget to check out Discovery Education's [Back to School Channel](#) to help educators and students ease back into their school year. Contact nrose@discoveryed.com to get set up.

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