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**Department of Education**

**Friday Forum**

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- NHED has awarded a total of \$652,500 in [literacy grants](#) to 31 schools throughout the state, which are designed to enhance **Science of Reading** initiatives.
- Funding opportunity announcement! NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is now receiving applications for the 2024-2025 **Promising Futures for New Hampshire grant** to support universal prevention in schools. Awards are up to \$25,000 and the deadline to apply is Sept. 27, 2024. More details [here](#).
- Join NHED's Bureau of Adult Education at 9 a.m. on Sept. 10 for its **High School Equivalency Information for Schools webinar**. We will be providing an overview of both the GED and the HiSET tests for school faculty and staff members. We will discuss the test content, test preparation, paying for the test, registering for the test and other useful information and resources.
- 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.

- 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.
- The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center is hosting a Weekend of Inspiration celebrating the life and legacy of **Christa McAuliffe** from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Please share this [flyer](#) with your students.
- NHED is partnering with the International Dyslexia Association of Northern New England Alliance (IDA-NNEA) to offer a free book club for parents and educators. The book club, titled "**Strive-for-Five Conversations: A Framework That Gets Kids Talking to Accelerate Their Language Comprehension and Literacy**," aims to foster collaboration and enhance literacy skills across the region. This tri-state initiative is designed to bring together participants from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine alongside their Departments of Education to engage in meaningful discussions and share strategies for improving language comprehension and literacy among children. [Register here](#) for the book club. More details [here](#).
- Mount Prospect Academy's **Education Leadership Conference** – Empowering Minds, Empowering Leaders – will take place on Oct. 7 in Meredith. The [event](#) includes workshops, discussions and networking on how to inspire and empower participants to become effective leaders in their schools and communities. The keynote speaker will be George Couros.
- Schoolhouse has opened registration for its free [SAT bootcamp](#) for the Oct. 5 **SAT exam**. Please share this opportunity with your students. Registration will remain open until Sept. 4.
- The **New Hampshire Council for Exceptional Children** is hosting a free, virtual [workshop](#) for all special education teachers on Sept. 26 to provide strategies to stay caught up in the coming school year.
- [Student scholarships](#) totaling \$50,000 will be awarded at the **NH Bringing Back the Trades** event Nov. 15 at NHTI. Please be sure to have eligible students apply by the Oct. 15 deadline. Schools are still able to [purchase tickets now](#) for the event featuring special guest Mike Rowe. Tickets will be open to the general public on Sept. 15, so don't miss out on this exciting event!

## **Resources for Educators**

- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer Khanmigo for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo, an AI platform, serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.
- 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.
- **The Children’s Museum of New Hampshire in Dover** offers free and discounted field trips to the museum for school-wide Title 1 schools – must be scheduled for a visit between October 2024 and March 2025. [Details 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.
- **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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