



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- Please be aware of this [technical advisory](#) regarding screening and intervention for **dyslexia** and related disorders. Following the recent passage of HB 377, this law becomes effective Sept. 26.
- Registration for [Waterford Upstart](#) is now open. All **PreK** children in New Hampshire entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024 are eligible to apply for the online, on-demand, adaptive learning program. Use it 15 minutes a day, five days a week to positively impact the learning experience of children alongside other resources and tools. Child care centers are also able to register children for the program to be utilized in their facilities. Waterford offers an online program, access to family coaches and a computer, if needed, at no cost.
- The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center is hosting a free virtual **school safety training** from noon to 3 p.m. on Aug. 24 for educators, administrators, counselors and more. Topics include the background, thinking and behavior of school attackers, how some schools discovered and stopped plots before violence occurred and guidance on implementing school safety protocols to reduce the risk of violence in school communities. Register [here](#).
- This [letter](#) from the NH State Treasurer and the Governor's Commission on Disability announces a new ABL (Achieving a Better Life Experience) **Savings Account program** in New Hampshire, effective Oct. 25.
- You are invited to the rescheduled screening of "**The Right to Read**" documentary at 11 a.m. Aug. 8 at Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside St. in Nashua. This event is sponsored by Lexia and Amplify. Watch the trailer [here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of School Finance has published a series of videos ([DOE 25 Part 1 - YouTube](#), [DOE 25 Part 2 - YouTube](#), [DOE 25 Part 3 - YouTube](#)) instructing school leaders on how to complete the **DOE25**, which is due Sept. 1 for all charter schools and districts. If you cannot make the deadline, an extension for up to 30 days must be filed by Aug. 25. An extension requires that a letter be signed by the superintendent or charter school leader explaining why the deadline cannot be met and if the full 30-day extension is being sought. Letters should be sent to officeofschoolfinance@doe.nh.gov. If you do not have an approved extension on file, NHED has the authority to withhold state funding pursuant to RSA 198:4-f.

- For any approved public charter school that intends to submit a **Renewal Lease Aid** application, the deadline for submissions is Sept. 1. The application may be found [here](#).
- Last month, [HB654](#) was signed into law, which allows for the extension of the Department of Education's one school year **Emergency Authorization** for a second additional consecutive school year. We hope that you will find this new legislation helpful in filling your open positions. Emergency Authorization forms were emailed to school leaders on June 2.
- SB39 was recently passed into law, which amends the criminal history records checks of **transportation monitors** pursuant to RSA 189:13-a. This law is now effective. More details are available in this [technical advisory](#).
- For all families with children covered by NH **Medicaid**, DHHS is asking all school districts to spread the word about the need to complete Medicaid redeterminations when they are due. Please share this printable [flyer](#) with your school communities. Let's help kids keep their health insurance coverage.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** This is a friendly reminder to ensure timely submission and draw-down of funds set to expire on Sept. 30, including 2020-2021 CRRSA-ESSER II and several other federal grants that are ending. An email was sent to school leaders on Wednesday with specific details. Sept. 1 is the last day for LEAs to self-return or request return of grants for edits/additions, and Sept. 14 is the last day to submit changes in GMS for a grant. The grant period ends on Sept. 30, and Nov. 14 is the deadline to submit the final monthly report.
- NHED recently emailed school leaders the **CRRSA Late Liquidation Template for ESSER II** and related guidance for any project funds requested to remain available past the grant obligation deadline of Sept. 30, 2023. The deadline for final submission of requests for late liquidation extension for CRRSA ESSER II funds is Oct. 31, 2023. For your final submission to be considered, the application and attachments must be fully completed and emailed to ESSER@doe.nh.gov; submission of the form does not guarantee approval of the late liquidation extension request.
- Summer is an important time to support students. NHED previously partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Online, 24/7 **tutoring** is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with Tutor.com. Students may [register](#) here.

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