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**Department of Education**

**Friday Forum**

**Sept. 13, 2024**

- NHED is hosting a **Statewide Assessment and Accountability Conference** from Oct. 1-2 at the Grappone Center in Concord. There will be 36 sessions with more than 10 hours of professional development hours. Register [here](#).
- Commissioner Edelblut is [encouraging](#) schools to participate in the **Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge**. The deadline to participate is Nov. 15. This is a simple way to make a profound impact. More details [here](#).
- NHED's **Bureau of Special Education Support** will be offering multiple trainings for all educators starting September 2024 through January 2025. More details [here](#).
- 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.
- Chess in Education-US has announced that the **Granite Gambit** program will continue in the new school year. With the continued sponsorship by NHED and federal ESSER funding, the following activities will be available: Professional development for CIE Instructor [training](#) (Level 2 Certification), Professional development for Intro to Chess in Education workshop, and school visit assistance and [kickoff activity](#). Contact [paulroberts@chessineducation.us](mailto:paulroberts@chessineducation.us).
- The New Hampshire **Department of Safety** is sharing this [School Safety and Security Bulletin](#).

- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education has partnered with YouScience to create the **Pathways to High School Completion Resource Guide**. The document will provide guidance to counselors, parents and students in navigating the various opportunities for earning high school credentials and post-secondary planning. The upcoming September 26 [webinar](#) will break down the different sections of the guide and describe the different options that are available to students, such as adult education, high school equivalency testing, and career and technical education. [Register here](#).
- **National Walk & Roll to School Day** is Oct. 9, or any day that best fits the school calendar. Please share this [website](#) with your school families and Parent-Teacher organizations to help organize a successful event. Contact [Gerard.R.Bedard@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Gerard.R.Bedard@dot.nh.gov) for more details.
- The New Hampshire **Association of School Principals** is hosting a summit from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Grappone Center in Concord titled, [Transformative AI-Infused Education: Elevating Leading and Learning in NH Schools](#). Register [here](#).

### **Resources for Educators**

- The competition is on for a [Pizza Party!](#) **Tutor.com** will be throwing a schoolwide pizza party for the (in-person) New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of students who connect with a tutor at least once between Sept. 23 and Oct. 31.
- Join Drs. Jessica Black and Maggie Van Camp at 7:30 p.m. on September 17 for a [conversation](#) about **humor and child development** - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. A separate webinar will take place at 7:30 p.m. on September 24 for a [conversation](#) on **sleep and child development**.
- VR New Hampshire and **Great Bay Community College** are [hosting](#) a Level Up event from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Great Bay Community College's Portsmouth Campus. Individuals will learn about short-term training and certificate programs, as well as tour the campus. Similarly, VR New Hampshire and **River Valley Community College** are [hosting](#) a Level Up event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at River Valley Community College's Claremont Campus. Individuals will learn about post-high school opportunities, meet prospective employers and hear from current students.

- 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.
- 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.

### ***Internal News***

- **Longevity News!** Congratulations to the following NHED employees who are celebrating milestones this month:

Stephen Berwick, 40 years

Tammy Vaillancourt, 40 years

Vanessa Onessimo, 10 years

Sarah Poire, 10 years

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