



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- About \$13.9 million in state and federal funds have been approved for **SAFE grant projects**. This will be awarded in two phases - \$3.9 million (state funds) in the early decision phase, followed by \$10 million (federal funds) in the second phase. The early decision awards were announced Sept. 9 and are available [here](#). In the early phase, more than 500 applications, requesting about \$18.5 million, were received and risk-ranked. Of those, 92 schools were selected to receive a SAFE grant, totaling \$3.9 million. All awards will be managed through NHED's Grants Management System. Instructions for next steps will be sent to first round awardees in the coming weeks. Projects not funded in the first round will automatically be considered for the \$10 million in federal funds. In total, 1,060 SAFE grant applications were received, requesting more than \$35 million. NHED anticipates that the recommendations for the second round of awards will go to the PSI Commission and the Governor for approval in October, to Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and G&C for approval in November, with award notifications announced in Dec./Jan. Given the scope of the second round, this timeline is only an estimate. NHED will post updates [here](#).
- Some of the temporary flexibilities received during the pandemic as a participant in the Supplemental Nutrition Program and **Medicaid** were made possible by federal funding and will end when federal and state COVID-19 public health emergencies end. Please share with your families the importance of renewing their child's Medicaid. Parents may visit nheasy.nh.gov to check their child's eligibility. More information is available [here](#).
- New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will host a **Transition Fair Day** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at NH Climbing and Fitness, 10 Langdon Ave., Concord. Deaf and hard of hearing students ages 14-21 are invited to attend and learn about programs that will allow them to identify many different potential journeys once they graduate high school. A variety of STEM kits will be available for students to try. [Registration](#) is required. Contact hobert.d.clanton@doe.nh.gov.
- City Year New Hampshire is recruiting young adults to serve as **tutors and mentors** in classrooms. The deadline to apply is Sept. 27. The mentors will help students grow academically and socially, while gaining valuable work experience within an inclusive, supportive community. To serve, fill out this [form](#).
- NHED has issued a **technical advisory** about [Civics Instruction](#), and it has updated its [Holocaust and Genocide Education Program](#) technical advisory to reflect that the adopted rules will apply to this school year and each subsequent year.

- VR New Hampshire is interested in your feedback to improve its partnership and advance its pre-employment transition services with New Hampshire schools. **VRNH School Transition Services** is embarking on a strategic planning process, which will assist to identify the long-term and short-term goals to determine a course of action for upcoming years. Please take a few minutes to answer this [survey questionnaire](#).
- **Lexia LETRS professional learning program** is available (at no cost) to educators, administrators, parents and guardians. Visit this [link](#) to register. 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. Here is an [FAQ](#) document; email SOR@doe.nh.gov with additional questions.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide an extra layer of support for K-12 students and their families to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach. Learn more [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; nearly 20 schools are already registered and tutoring sessions have begun. Individual students may register [here](#).
- The [Promising Futures for NH](#) funding opportunity is now available, with applications due on Sept. 23. This project will provide financial support to LEAs to advance the development and expansion of strategic **substance misuse prevention strategies and interventions**, as well as other universal prevention strategies.
- Join 321 Insight trainers as they facilitate the next Title II, Part A sponsored professional development day on Oct. 7. This free, full day of collaborative professional learning will focus on **strengthening teacher-paraeducator partnerships** and classroom management strategies to proactively address challenging behavior. Learn strategies and best practices for strengthening and sustaining teacher-para partnerships in the morning session, and in the afternoon, learn strategies you can implement right away to proactively address challenging behavior. [Register](#) by Sept. 30 for a session at one of three locations: The Founders Academy Charter School in Manchester, Granite State College building in Concord, and White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield.
- The 61st U.S. Senate Youth Program Washington Week will be held in March. Two students from each state will be selected to attend and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. In NH, each high school principal may nominate one eligible junior or senior student. Applications are available for download [here](#). The nomination form should be completed and signed by student, at least one parent or guardian and the nominating principal and returned by Oct. 14.

- Annual **i4see** Beginning of Year training webinars will be held Sept. 27-28. The Powerpoint and associated materials will be disseminated to attendees using the email address provided during registration. Please register for one of the two training sessions. [Sept. 27 from 1-4 p.m.](#) or [Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#) i4see BOY and Free and Reduced submissions will go live on Sept. 30, and must be certified by superintendents no later than Oct. 21.
- Wicked STEM is the largest **STEM expo** in the region, and will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24 at The Hampshire Dome in Milford. [Wicked STEM](#) will educate, inspire and connect the youth of Northern New England with the vast STEM community through interactive exhibits, hands-on experiences and networking with the workforce of the future. Speakers include Lee Morin, a NASA astronaut, and Cyrena Arnold, the director of summit operations for the Mount Washington Observatory.

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