



Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED issued a new [technical advisory](#) outlining **back-to-school respiratory illness** recommendations.
- NHED is awarding 77 schools a total of \$713,601 to fund [robotics programs](#) for their students.
- Congratulations to our three NH schools that received [National Blue Ribbon](#) status this week, including **Riddle Brook School** in Bedford, **Mary C. Dondero** Elementary School in Portsmouth and **Rye Elementary** School in Rye.
- Seeking innovative school leaders! NHED has been awarded five **registration scholarships** to the [ASU+GSV Summit](#) on April 14-17 in San Diego, and we would like New Hampshire superintendents to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in attending the summit, please submit a one-page statement to comms@doe.nh.gov by Oct. 27 explaining why you should be awarded a scholarship.
- The **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** is now open for K-6 grade teachers. Anyone may [nominate](#) an exceptional science, technology, engineering, math or computer science teacher.
- The [NASA TechRise Student Challenge](#) is a free national **STEM contest** for students in grades 6-12, which includes the chance for schools to win cash. The challenge is open for entries until Oct. 20.
- **NH CIVICS** has partnered with NHED to share resources with educators via NHED's Canvas platform. Using the public [NH Civics course on Canvas](#), educators can stay updated on upcoming professional development, public events, in-class programs for students, the NH Civic Learning Coalition and more.
- NHED would like to share 50 free, year-long subscriptions to One Trusted Adult's **BeBold Student Leadership course** for high schools. More details are available [here](#).
- Please join the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for **the 2023 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security** on Nov. 1-2. This virtual event will convene school safety experts, practitioners and leaders from across the country to discuss current threats in school safety. [Register here](#).

- [Red Ribbon Week](#) is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program and will take place Oct. 23 through Oct. 31. We encourage schools to distribute any remaining No Safe Experience wristbands that they received last June. There is a limited supply of wristbands available for any school interested in picking them up in Concord; email comms@doe.nh.gov to coordinate.
- **NH 911** Public Information Officers are eager to visit schools and speak with students about calling 911. School-wide presentations are also available. To schedule a free #NH911 visit, email descpio@dos.nh.gov.
- The NH Department of Transportation offers an American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials education outreach program - **TRAnspOrtation and Civil Engineering**. TRAC connects students in grades 6-12 to the working world of transportation professionals and civil engineers while inspiring them to consider careers in these fields. Contact Krista Robichaud at 603-271-8026 or krista.e.robichaud@dot.nh.gov to sign up your school.
- Liberty is offering an enhanced [incentive](#) to municipalities to perform **energy audits** and complete weatherization work to help 'button-up' buildings and save on utility bills. Municipalities may be eligible for up to a 40% incentive off material and labor for work done by Dec. 15.
- ARMI BioFabUSA is announcing the launch of the first-in-the-nation **Biofabrication Technician Registered Apprenticeship Program**. This is a great opportunity for recent grads, veterans and career changers to receive training in the basic skills and cutting edge technology of bioscience and early BCSI micro-credentials. Register [here](#) for the apprenticeship.

Resources for Educators

- **Graduation Alliance** provides 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 free program will be assigned an academic coach. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- **Discovery Education** has convenient and free PD for new educators or anyone that needs a refresher to get started using Discovery Education Experience. [Sign up here](#) for live training tailored to your needs, or call Nancy Rose at 603-913-9335 to get set up with on-site training for your district.
- **College Guidance Network** offers all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to its comprehensive [library](#) of on-demand college and career resources.
- 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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