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Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED released [preliminary data](#) from the spring New Hampshire **Student Assessment System** (NHSAS). Recent assessment scores are showing a slight acceleration of growth for students in many grade levels, but not enough to make up lost academic ground since the pandemic. More details are available in our [press release](#).
- A **legislative summary** highlighting education-related bills from the 2023-2024 legislative session is available [here](#).
- NHED is partnering with the New Hampshire Reading League to host a special screening of [Hopeville](#) in recognition of **Dyslexia Awareness Month** and the Science of Reading. The event will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 4 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. The screening is a unique opportunity for educators, parents, and community members to come together to raise awareness about dyslexia and explore evidence-based reading instruction practices. [Register here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Career Development is hosting an [Opportunity Gap Analysis](#) workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 24 at 25 Hall St. in Concord titled, "**Using Data to Identify and Address CTE Opportunity Gaps.**" This event is ideal for CTE stakeholders, school district BAs, school counselors, advisors, administrators and principals. Register [here](#).
- NHED is sharing this [Learn Everywhere FAQ document](#) to educate schools about the **Learn Everywhere** program. A similar FAQ document is also available for parents and students [here](#).

- NHED is offering a free **MTSS-B Framework Training** for NH school-level teams in October. More details and registration information is available [here](#).
- As a reminder, the **U.S. Presidential Scholars Program** is accepting nominees until Nov. 13. In New Hampshire, each school may nominate up to three students – one male and one female for general studies, and one student to be included as a candidate for recognition for excellence in CTE. Applications are available [here](#).
- Schools should be aware that an amendment to **RSA 288:1** requires that certain educational institutions and all local governments use a holiday's statutorily designated title in official communications, publications, and documents. More details on the amendment are available [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.

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.
- NHED and **College Guidance Network** are hosting a “Crafting College Lists with Students” webinar at noon on Sept. 17 to learn tips and best practices to help younger students get started, and to support high school seniors as they narrow down their college choices. Register [here](#).
- The Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England’s (ATMNE) **2024 Mathematics Conference** is being hosted by the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM). Join keynotes Pamela Seda, Ken Williams, Rachel Lambert and Latrenda Knighten and a diverse lineup of presenters at the ATMNE 2024 Fall Conference October 24 to 25 at the Sheraton Tara in Nashua. Visit the [NHTM website](#) for more information and to register.

- Join NHED and Dr. Peter Gray, a research professor from Boston College, for a [webinar conversation](#) at 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 to continue the discussion of the importance of **free play** and independent adventures for children and teens – part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available.
- Join NHED and Marina Seevak for a [workshop webinar](#) at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 to explore the use of loose parts in elementary schools as a way of fostering **STEM skills**. Certificates of attendance are available.
- Join NHED and Drs. Megina Baker and Ben Mardell for a [workshop presentation](#) at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 exploring the use of **playful learning** in early childhood classrooms – part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available.
- The **Discovery Education** partnership with NHED continues, and Experience is here to support educators and students with activities to ease into the school year. Discovery Education’s engaging resources spark student curiosity and connect their learning with the world while providing teachers with ready-to-use lessons and activities across the subject areas and grade levels that will save time and meet the needs of diverse learners. Check out Discovery’s [September Highlights](#). Professional learning is also available at no cost and may be tailored to meet the needs of schools. Email nrose@discoveryed.com to schedule.
- **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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