



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- 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 success coach. Learn more [here](#).
- To register for the **Lexia LETRS professional learning program** that is available (at no cost) to educators, administrators, parents and guardians, visit this [link](#). This collaboration between NHED and Lexia is part of NHED's Learning Into Literacy initiative, which aims to create literacy champions and advance reading skills among NH youth. Email [SOR@doe.nh.gov](mailto:SOR@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- Please note that the **Universal Free Meal Waiver** for New Hampshire has expired and is no longer available for school district utilization. Districts must use the eligibility determinations for National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs (NSLP) that are outlined in the USDA's [Eligibility Manual](#). For current waivers available to districts, please visit the [Office of Nutrition Programs and Services](#).
- NHED and the NH Department of Safety would like to share with you this [Back To School Safety](#) video. As students throughout the state begin a new year of learning, we know that **school safety** is your top priority. It is our hope that this video will be beneficial, and we encourage you to share it widely. Additional resources may be found [here](#).
- Understandably, there are many questions from school leaders, educators, parents, and guardians seeking to understand best practices and statutes related to **student privacy and school transparency**. As we kick off a new school year, this [technical advisory](#) is meant to serve as a resource document providing a clear framework that will allow schools and families to best support each other when they find themselves dealing with these sometimes challenging matters.
- 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.

- The NH Council for the Social Studies will host its **Conference for NH Social Studies Educators** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester. The early bird special price for the conference plus membership in NHCSS is \$99 for a year if [registering](#) by Sept. 21.
- NHED will be kicking off a [#603Moment](#) Back to School Edition. To request #603Moment whiteboards for your school and spread a little positivity, please email [603moment@doe.nh.gov](mailto:603moment@doe.nh.gov).
- Applications are now open to all high school students for the **Governor's Youth Advisory Council** on Substance Misuse and Prevention. Applications are due Sept. 9, and may be found [here](#). For more information, visit the GYAC [website](#).
- 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.
- 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.
- Per RSA189:64, every public, chartered public and nonpublic school is required to develop a site-specific **School Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)** that is based on and conforms to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System. Recently passed [HB1125](#) changed the due date from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 each year. The School Readiness Program with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management sent an email to schools with an updated school EOP template and checklist on Aug. 3. Schools are not required to transition to the new template, however the school EOP must address the new requirements outlined in the checklist. For additional tools to aid in developing and implementing a school EOP along with instructions on how to obtain the newest version of the EOP template visit [this link](#). Please submit your EOP by Oct. 15 via HSEM's [secure portal](#), which will open on Sept. 1. For questions about the portal, contact [schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov](mailto:schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov) or 603-271-2231.

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