



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- [Here](#) is a list of the **Secure Action for Education (SAFE) grant awards**, early decision, which were approved by the Governor & Executive Council and the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee this week.
- Please check out our [video](#) promoting the **Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge**. We would love for every school in NH to participate!
- To date, more than 1,000 individuals have registered for the **Lexia LETRS professional learning program** that is available (at no cost) to educators, administrators, parents and guardians. Visit this [link](#) to register. Learn more about this milestone [here](#). 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.
- 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.
- NHED has issued this [technical advisory](#) regarding the requirements for Regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center Agreements.
- NHED has published three new **training videos** for school leaders, including the [FY 23 Extraordinary Needs Training of Financial Components of Grant](#), [A walkthrough of the FY23 adequacy formula](#) and [FY23 Extraordinary Need Grant Training Accountability Plan](#).

- [iLearnNH](#) is a grant-funded program that provides three technology tools at no cost to New Hampshire schools: [Canvas Learning Management System](#), [Kaltura Video Sharing](#), and [Zoom](#). Public, nonpublic and charter K-12 schools in NH receive access to the Canvas LMS by Instructure, the Kaltura platform for media hosting, and Zoom video conferencing. Schools also receive support in the setup and configuration of the tools, training for teachers, and technical staff, as well as ongoing support for integrating the capabilities and best practices of each platform. Email info@iLearnNH.org, or [sign up for the mailing list](#) to receive updates.
- For a unique professional development opportunity, join NHED and 321 Insight for the second round of in-person PD on **Supporting Effective Teacher/Paraeducator Partnerships and Implementing Proactive Behavior Strategies**. This is a no-cost, three-hour workshop providing a deeper dive into how to implement practical strategies for utilizing, coaching and supervising paraeducators (from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 8), and taking a closer look at hands on best practices for addressing challenging student behavior (from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 8). Contact Kathryn.J.Nichol@doe.nh.gov for more information. These will be offered in three regions throughout the state; locations are TBD.
- [Registration](#) is open for the IDA-NNEA Annual Two-Day Virtual Conference, **“Science of Reading and the Road to Educational Recovery,”** which will take place Oct. 27-28. During 12 sessions over two days, internationally renowned speakers will provide information, expertise and support for those affected by dyslexia and reading challenges. Topics include: the five shifts, decodable vs. predictable texts, Science of Reading overview, importance of early literacy screening and more.
- Your school or district is invited to participate in an **online survey** and school-based focus group study about student wellness, what students like about school, and what could be improved. Study results will identify student perspectives that may assist administrators in making decisions to benefit school climate. RMC Research, an independent organization, will conduct the study. At the conclusion, researchers will share the results and provide schools with ideas for how to incorporate student feedback into their school plans. No data or findings will be used for school or district accountability purposes. To learn more or preview the survey, complete this [brief form](#) and someone from the team will reach out. Contact Amanda Trainor at atrainor@rmcres.com, or 603-785-1144.
- 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.
- NHED is excited to announce the launch of the NH SAS **Family Portal**, a secure website that will allow families access to student assessment results, interpretive guide and more. NHED and Cambium Assessment will host a webinar explaining the portal at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 14. Registration is available [here](#).

- HB 1624, relative to **students with disabilities participating in co-curricular activities**, was recently passed into law. This bill established the Co-Curricular Program Fund that will provide districts with grants of up to \$4,000 per program, with the primary purpose to be for districts that are looking to create new co-curricular programs or to expand the offerings of such programs to students. Grants to school districts seeking to establish a co-curricular program can fund first-year operational expenses of equipment, to include uniforms. Here is the [application form](#). For more information contact brandy.a.pappas@doe.nh.gov.
- 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.
- **Discovery Education** invites districts and school to make sure their access to the [2022 Back To School award-winning](#) Discovery Education platform is up and running, learn more about the [NH Statewide agreement](#), and to [request professional development](#) (paid by NHED as part of the NH agreement). Please [contact Nancy Rose](#) with questions or to get access.

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