



## *Friday Forum*

January 26, 2024

- The State Assessment (NH SAS) **Writing Window** will be March 4-15. All schools must complete the writing portion of the assessment during this window. This will allow enough time for the writing assessment to be hand-scored in time for students to receive scores in the spring when they take the reading section. Students who do not complete both the writing and the reading portion of the assessment may not receive a final score.
- The **Family Portal** is available for parents to directly access their student's state assessment scores. Information for schools on how to distribute access to parents may be found [here](#). Information about the portal for parents may be found [here](#).
- Equature, a provider of video analytics and **security solutions**, [announced](#) the launch of its K-12 Grant Program, which will donate \$1 million worth of weapon detection software and hardware to schools across the country. Schools may apply for a grant through April 10, and recipients will be announced starting May 1.
- Celebrations are taking place throughout the country in recognition of [National School Choice Week](#). The Children's Scholarship Fund of New Hampshire and the National School Choice Awareness Foundation are hosting an annual **School Fair** to celebrate, which is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.
- NHED is hosting an informational [webinar](#) for the public to learn how to navigate **iPlatform** – our online tool that provides transparent school data such as enrollment, assessments and more; this will take place at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7.
- **VR New Hampshire** and NHTI are hosting a [Level Up](#) event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 22 at the NHTI campus in Concord, which is designed to explore career and post-high school opportunities.
- The **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation** has opened its online applications for the [Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical](#), which provides an exceptional NH public school teacher with a year-long leave of absence to create a self-designed project to enhance classroom teaching. The deadline to complete an application is Feb. 9.

- The NH **Multi-Tiered System of Supports** for Behavioral Health and Wellness TA Center is offering a free [MTSS-B Framework Training](#) for NH school-level teams in March. Registration is limited.
- Federal benefits administrator FedPoint announces that the application window for its annual [nursing scholarships](#) opens on Jan. 22. The company will award four, \$5,000 **scholarships** for the second straight year, with recipients to be announced in May. Please share this opportunity with your graduating seniors.
- Congratulations to **Chef Moss Crutchfield**, Director of Food & Nutrition Services for the Epping School District, who was named as a [2024 Foodservice Achievement Management Excellence \(FAME\) Awards Winner](#) and recognized during the School Nutrition Association's School Nutrition Industry Conference.
- NHED's **Bureau of Credentialing** would like to share its new [newsletter](#).
- **NEA New Hampshire** and the Manchester Education Association are hosting the 2024 [New and Aspiring Teacher Conference](#) on Feb. 10 at the NEA-NH Concord Office.
- **AmeriCorps** National Service positions are available. Volunteer NH operates an online hub for AmeriCorps opportunities in New Hampshire called Serve Learn Earn. Explore AmeriCorps opportunities that offer individuals a chance to serve NH communities, and provide a stipend and an education award to put towards higher education expenses. Visit [AmeriCorps](#) to learn more, or call 603-271-7200.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs - [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#) – during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research will also measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. Superintendents and school principals interested in learning more may email Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at [vancampm@bc.edu](mailto:vancampm@bc.edu) to set up a meeting.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- NHED and 321 Insight are partnering to offer a new [series](#) of virtual learning opportunities designed to support **paraeducators** in their work. The three, one-hour virtual sessions will focus on Behavior Support Strategies, and will take place on Feb. 7, 14 and 21.
- **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.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.

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