



## *Friday Forum*

December 1, 2023

- Monday's call with Commissioner Frank Edelblut and school leaders has been cancelled. The next call will take place on January 8.
- The application window is now closed for round three of the **Security Action for Education (SAFE) grant**. NHED will present a list of applications to the Public School Infrastructure Commission for approval at its Dec. 6 meeting. Once the Commission approves, NHED will present the list to the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and Governor & Council for consideration likely early next year.
- In the first-ever ranking of state performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) by **charter school** students, New Hampshire [ranked fourth](#) out of 35 states.
- More than 30 state chief education officers, including New Hampshire Commissioner Frank Edelblut, have signed a [joint letter](#) urging the Department of Defense to work with them to create a standardized agreement and data sharing protocol that would allow states to access accurate, secure and standardized data on **military service**.
- NHED has received notice of a [settlement agreement](#) reached in a class action lawsuit against McKinsey & Co., Inc. The **settlement** will result in a Public School District Opioid Recovery Trust, which will hold and distribute funds recovered from the opioid industry defendants. Class Member public schools may be eligible to apply for grants received from the Trust. More information may be found [here](#). School districts should review the notice with local district counsel and determine appropriate action for their districts.
- [Civics & Civility at the National Presidential Youth Convention](#) will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 at the Audi in Concord. Groups of up to 25 in-person New Hampshire high school students and educators are invited to participate in this three-hour event. There will also be a virtual participation option. Preregister [here](#).
- **NH Civics and the Council on Foreign Relations** are offering a free workshop, "Teaching Global Civics: Current Events Through a Foreign Policy Lens," at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6. Professional development hours are available. Register [here](#).
- **NH Teachers of Mathematics** is seeking nominations for two separate awards for new and veteran teachers. The [Richard C. Evans Distinguished Mathematics Educator Award](#)

recognizes teachers with at least five years of experience in math education; email [elementaryrep@nhmathteachers.org](mailto:elementaryrep@nhmathteachers.org) by Dec. 15 with the nomination packet. The [Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award](#) recognizes teachers with fewer than five years of experience in math education; email [postsecondaryrep@nhmathteachers.org](mailto:postsecondaryrep@nhmathteachers.org) by Dec. 15 with the nomination packet.

- **Women's Transportation Seminar** is offering 2024 undergraduate [scholarships](#) to current and past high school students from NH and college students currently studying in the state. Young women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation-related fields, including engineering, science, technology and math, are welcome to apply.
- Public charter schools that lease their facilities are eligible to apply for **lease aid** from NHED. Approved charter schools may receive aid of up to 30% of eligible costs or \$50,000, whichever is less. Charter schools that did not receive aid in the 23/24 school year, or whose lease has undergone substantive changes from last year would need to submit an [Initial Lease Aid Application](#), which is due Jan. 1, 2024. Charter schools that received aid in the 23/24 school year, and whose lease has not undergone any substantive changes from last year, may submit a [Renewal Lease Aid Application](#), which is due Sept. 1, 2024.
- This week, the U.S. Department of Education issued this [letter](#) regarding the availability of Covid-19 tests.
- The [LifeChanger of the Year](#) program is hoping to recognize a New Hampshire teacher, educator or school staff member who has made a significant impact on the lives of students and colleagues.

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

- Online, 24/7 tutoring is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com); grades 4-5 will soon be added to this platform.
- NHED and 321 Insight are partnering to offer a series of free [virtual learning opportunities](#) to support **paraeducators** in their daily work. The second series, Restructuring the Environment to Build and Sustain Positive Relationships, will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, 11, and 18.
- **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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