



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

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- NHED is pleased to announce that, for the first time since its inception, two NH students have been [chosen as delegates](#) to the **National Youth Science Camp** in West Virginia. Congratulations to Diya Mahaveer, a senior at Nashua High School South, and Molly DellaValla, a junior who is home-educated in Jackson.
- NHED's **iGrant dashboard** has now [expanded its platform](#) by adding substantial content and offering even more open and transparent data on how federal dollars are being distributed statewide. The webpage, which was created to showcase the unprecedented amount of federal COVID relief funds being spent in NH, now includes numerous other federal programs.
- Please share this electronic [flyer](#) with your school community and staff to help spread word about NHED's **603 Bright Futures Survey**; the flyer includes embedded links to all three surveys for staff, parents and community members. Public input and feedback is crucial as we aim to help all students succeed.
- NHED has created a directory of publicly available [Canvas Courses](#) that include professional development, educator license renewal, PACE tasks for learning and assessment and more.
- Search Institute is looking for a school district with at least two middle schools to participate in a new **research partnership opportunity**. District partners will help shape an implementation system that will guide schools in creating equitable and relationship-rich climates nationwide that will benefit educators to better support young people to thrive. To be considered, visit [Research Partnership](#).
- Looking for something new and different for supporting STEM/CS/CTE engagement after state testing? Try using **Learning Blade** for easy-to-implement lesson plans and more than 400 online lessons for the remaining weeks of school. You can also enrich this summer's programming with Learning Blade's hands-on projects, group activities and career exploration lessons. Schedule a [webinar](#) for more details.
- U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona recently issued this [letter](#) concerning the use of **corporal punishment** in school and educational settings.
- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships has launched [PreventionResourceFinder.gov](#), a new website that will help

prevent **targeted violence and terrorism** by giving the public easier access to available grants, research, training opportunities, and other resources across 17 federal agencies.

- **MetaMetrics** recently published its [State Impact Report for New Hampshire](#) to showcase the reach of Lexile and Quantile measures across the state. There are currently 522 NH educators registered on the Lexile & Quantile Hub.
- NHED will issue [competitive grants](#) to NH public and public chartered schools for funding the establishment of **after school, before school or summer enrichment programming** opportunities for students in K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year and 2023 summer. The primary purpose of these grants is to provide students in K-12 with the opportunity to participate in highly engaging, enrichment programming that supports students' social, emotional and academic needs in a before, after or summer school setting.
- NHED received a record number of **Teacher of the Year** applications for 2024. Following the nomination process, 92 applications were received – more than double the number of applicants from last year. This pool of applicants will soon participate in a celebratory gathering before the selection committee works to narrow the field to semi-finalists.
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight! XR Foundations Academy** is an online course that prepares students with skills to begin creating meaningful Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality experiences for themselves and their communities. This program is approved to offer a certificate for one-half credit as an open elective in computer science to be applied toward high school graduation.
- NHED launched its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- NHED and Tutor.com partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students. This program meets all data privacy requirements.
- NHED partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support 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 at no cost. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 or [Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com](mailto:Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com) to get set up.
- An **Art Teacher and Artist Chemical Safety workshop** will be held on April 11 in Littleton and April 13 in Claremont; learn more [here](#). A **School Chemistry Lab Science and Safety workshop** will be held on April 11 in Littleton and April 13 in Claremont; learn more [here](#).

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