



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

April 7, 2023

- Congratulations to New Hampshire for earning the title of [Best State in the Country for Financial Literacy 2023](#).
- NHED has partnered with Major Choice to offer **mentor-driven guidance** to students while they explore various education and career opportunities. The program is unique, especially for students with disabilities, work challenges, an IEP or 504 plan. [Learn more](#).
- Deadline approaching! There is just one week left to [register](#) for the **Lexia LETRS summer sessions** for Administrators and Early Childhood Educators – the first step in transforming literacy education. The deadline to enroll is April 14.
- This week, the U.S. Department of Education released a [notice of proposed rulemaking on athletic eligibility](#) under Title IX to advance Title IX’s goal of ensuring equal opportunity in athletics. The proposed regulation will be open for public comment for 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.
- The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center is offering the new [Developing Emergency Operations Plans K-12 101 Train-the-Educator Training Virtual Training by Request](#) created in partnership with USED’s Office of Safe and Supportive Schools. This 2.5-hour training presents important federal guidance on school **emergency management planning**.
- In 2022, the Bipartisan **Stronger Connections** Safer Communities Act was signed into law and Congress authorized \$1 billion to State Education Agencies to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments; NHED was allocated \$4.8 million, the majority of which will be available through a competitive grant process to districts experiencing high needs. NHED is currently seeking [public comment](#) on the definition of a high need LEA.
- 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. Survey closes April 28.
- UNH Extension is in the process of planning **Mental Health First Aid trainings** in 2023. If you are interested, please complete this [interest survey](#). There are a few spots left for the May

course. Youth course is May 2-4 (virtual) and Aug. 8-10 (in-person near Concord). Adult course is Oct. 24-26.

- Please be aware that the NH Department of Health and Human Services will be resuming its regular [Medicaid eligibility operations](#) starting on April 1. More details are available [here](#).
- ASSE International is seeking local representatives, including educators in NH and throughout New England, to work with high school foreign exchange students. **Be a mentor**, guide and friend to young people across the globe who wish to experience the American dream. Contact Christina Murphy at 781-727-1944 or [cmurphy@asse.com](mailto:cmurphy@asse.com).
- A virtual professional development opportunity from **321 Insight** will take place at 4:30 p.m. on April 13 – the last session in its Proactive Behavior Strategy Series, Focus on ACEs and Trauma. Sponsored by NHED, this interactive, one-hour session will focus on building a deeper understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences, how they impact students and strategies that can be implemented to support all students. [Register here](#).
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** [Neil Stone's Karate Academy](#) is a private martial arts school for students through adults that focuses on enhancing one's life through the study and practice of the martial arts. The program is approved to offer certificates for credit toward high school graduation in physical education.
- 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.

### ***INHDEX NEWS***

- Visit our iNHDEX [webpage](#) for information and FAQs on New Hampshire's new Statewide Student Information System.
- NHED will conduct a virtual focus group for i4see coordinators this month.
- NHED will present a technical overview of iNHDEX at the NH CTO Council clinic meeting on May 3.

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