



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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CAPTION: Students at the Berlin Middle High School were greeted with an ice-cream truck this week, courtesy of Tutor.com. Berlin students accrued the most tutoring sessions during the month of May to win the ice-cream party.

- NHED was awarded \$4,833,025 from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act **Stronger Connections grant program**, 95% of which is available through a competitive grant process to LEAs experiencing high needs. The [Request for Application](#) must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Aug. 1. If your school is interested in applying, more details may be found [here](#). Grants will be prioritized according to three areas – access control, emergency alerting and surveillance.
- The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will conduct the **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** and various international assessments and studies in selected New Hampshire schools in the 2023-2024 school year. The NAEP assessments will be administered between January 29, 2024 and March 8, 2024 for mathematics and reading in grades 4, 8, and 12 and for science in grade 8. New Hampshire's NAEP Coordinator, Ashley Frame, will be reaching out via email to notify superintendents, testing coordinators and principals in selected schools. Email Ashley.M.Frame@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- There will be no conference call with school leaders in July. The [conference calls](#) will resume at noon on Aug. 7.

- The annual **Indoor Air Quality survey** is due June 30. An email was sent on May 25 documenting the process involved in completing the survey, as well as answers to FAQs. The survey may be accessed through ESS via MyNHDOE [here](#). Contact Marlon.S.Austin@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- The **New Hampshire School Nurses' Association** is hosting its [School Nurse Essentials Conference](#) from Aug. 16-18 at Southern New Hampshire University's Manchester campus. This event is designed to provide individuals with the fundamentals of school nursing, and is appropriate for those new to the field, or seasoned school nurses.
- As a reminder, **SAFE grant applicants** must obligate all funds by June 30, 2023. Inquiries may be directed to Chris Armatys at Krzysztof.j.armatys@doe.nh.gov.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is hosting a webinar at 2 p.m. on June 21 titled "Communities Talk About: **Preventing Fentanyl Use by Youth and Young Adults.**" The event will highlight evidence-based prevention approaches available for communities to address the evolving opioid epidemic. [Register here](#).
- The NH **Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness** is hosting a one-hour webinar, NH MTSS-B Framework Overview. [Register](#) for one of three dates – July 25, 26 or 27. This webinar is tailored to all audiences, including school administrators, educators, school counselors and school staff, and will explore how to support student social-emotional and behavioral health needs.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get a **Paraprofessional II** licensure? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course (July 3 – Aug. 26), which is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Funding may be available through your district. Register [here](#).
- **No Safe Experience** wristbands have been delivered to school district SAU offices. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to distribute the wristbands to your middle and high school students before summer break. Non-public schools that would like a supply of wristbands should email kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED is offering a workshop series, **Supporting Literacy Through Evidence-Based Practices and Data-Informed Decisions**. The [series](#), taking place July 25-26 in Concord, is designed to build an effective literacy program within NH schools.
- NHED has awarded about \$800,000 for this summer's **ReKINDling Curiosity** program – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp has the opportunity. This [flyer](#) outlines scholarship and eligibility information. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31, or when funds are exhausted.
- 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.

- 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 to get set up.

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