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- NHED will issue competitive grants to NH public and public charter schools that meet eligibility requirements for financing the establishment of a **robotics team** and its participation in competitive events. The [grants](#) are intended to motivate public and charter school students to pursue educational and career opportunities in STEM fields, while also building critical life and work-related skills.
- The Office of Social and Emotional Wellness at NHED is excited to announce a new funding opportunity for the 2023-2024 school year. The [Promising Futures for NH](#) project is accepting applications from LEAs to support universal **prevention strategies** in schools.
- Applications for the **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** for grades K-6 teachers is now open. [Applications](#) must be completed by Feb. 6, 2024.
- The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire is respectfully asking schools to not inadvertently dissuade Jewish students and employees from observing important **religious holidays** or place those students and employees at a disadvantage. Here is a [calendar](#) for the upcoming school year that reflects the dates of important Jewish holidays.
- Save the dates for free **Search Institute** in-person, train-the-trainer opportunities on Aug 21-22 and Aug. 23-24. [Essentials of Asset Building Training](#) introduces the Developmental Assets Framework and the powerful role of individual asset builders in the lives of youth and prepares community members and groups to deliver a variety of asset-building messages.
- [Know & Tell](#) training is available on Aug. 30 at Southern New Hampshire University for 75 participants. NH educators are required by law to have training on NH's **mandated reporting laws**, how to recognize child abuse and neglect, and how to report it within 30 days of hire, and renewal every two years.
- The NH Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness is offering a **MTSS-B Framework Training** for NH school-level teams in October. More details [here](#).
- Please be aware of this [technical advisory](#) regarding screening and intervention for **dyslexia** and related disorders. Following the passage of HB 377, this law becomes effective Sept. 26.

- Registration for [Waterford Upstart](#) is now open. All **PreK** children in New Hampshire entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024 are eligible to apply for the online, on-demand, adaptive learning program. Use it 15 minutes a day, five days a week to positively impact the learning experience of children alongside other resources and tools. Child care centers are also able to register children for the program to be utilized in their facilities. Waterford offers an online program, access to family coaches and a computer, if needed, at no cost.
- The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center is hosting a free virtual **school safety training** from noon to 3 p.m. on Aug. 24 for educators, administrators, counselors and more. Topics include the background, thinking and behavior of school attackers, how some schools discovered and stopped plots before violence occurred and guidance on implementing school safety protocols to reduce the risk of violence in school communities. Register [here](#).
- For all families with children covered by NH **Medicaid**, DHHS is asking all school districts to spread the word about the need to complete Medicaid redeterminations when they are due. Please share this printable [flyer](#) with your school communities. Let's help kids keep their health insurance coverage.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** This is a friendly reminder to ensure timely submission and draw-down of funds set to expire on Sept. 30, including 2020-2021 CRRSA-ESSER II and several other federal grants that are ending. An email was sent to school leaders on Wednesday with specific details. Sept. 1 is the last day for LEAs to self-return or request return of grants for edits/additions, and Sept. 14 is the last day to submit changes in GMS for a grant. The grant period ends on Sept. 30, and Nov. 14 is the deadline to submit the final monthly report.
- NHED recently emailed school leaders the **CRRSA Late Liquidation Template for ESSER II** and related guidance for any project funds requested to remain available past the grant obligation deadline of Sept. 30, 2023. The deadline for final submission of requests for late liquidation extension for CRRSA ESSER II funds is Oct. 31, 2023. For your final submission to be considered, the application and attachments must be fully completed and emailed to ESSER@doe.nh.gov; submission of the form does not guarantee approval of the late liquidation extension request.
- Summer is an important time to support students. NHED previously 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. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Online, 24/7 **tutoring** is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with Tutor.com. Students may [register](#) here.

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