



Friday Forum

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- Today, NHED welcomed a new, larger-than-life member to its team of state employees. **Max the Moose**, who is cared for by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, has [moved](#) into his new, temporary headquarters at the NHED offices on Hall Street in Concord.
- Governor Chris Sununu has issued a [proclamation](#), which proclaims September 2023 as **Welcoming Schools Month**.
- The September **Search Institute** [Professional Development Series](#) is free, and will focus on Building a Foundation of Trust with Parenting Adults. Sessions take place on Sept. 12 and Sept. 19.
- NHED and the **New Hampshire Alliance for Chartered Public Schools** are holding a leadership best practice conference for charter school leaders and board members on Sept. 19 and Sept. 20 at NHED, 25 Hall St., Concord. More details are available [here](#).
- NHED's **Bureau of Assessment and Accountability** has issued a [call for public comment](#) regarding its request for a Tydings waiver under Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act to extend the availability of fiscal year 2021 Title I B funds under which NHED is the participating eligible agency.
- The NH **Governor's Youth Advisory Council on Substance Misuse and Prevention** is sharing its [application form](#) for the upcoming school year. GYA is accepting new members through an application and selection process. Applications are due Sept. 11.
- **Vocational Rehabilitation New Hampshire** is interested in your feedback to improve its partnership and advance its pre-employment transition services with NH schools. Please take a few minutes to answer this brief [questionnaire](#) by Sept. 15. Your feedback is appreciated.
- 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.

- Final reminder! For any approved public charter school that intends to submit **Renewal Lease Aid applications**, the deadline is Sept. 1. The application may be found [here](#).
- The federal **Charter School Program grant competition** is now open. Applications are due Oct. 9. More details [here](#).
- NHED's Office of Governance has published an updated [legislative summary](#) highlighting education items addressed during the House and Senate 2022-2023 session.
- NHED is offering an online [training resource](#) to district leaders who are seeking to better understand and prepare for the potential responsibilities of **charter school authorizing**.
- The **National Collaborative for Digital Equity** is asking educators to share the best ways to deploy federal funding to NH for digital equity over the next four years, starting in 2024. NH must develop the first public draft of its state digital equity plan by mid-October. Please [register](#) for this interactive, virtual brainstorming session.

Resources for Educators

- NHED has created a **Federal Accountability** course on Canvas with a series of videos that provide an overview of the federal accountability system, as well as fact sheets. Enroll [here](#). Contact Ken Darsney at 603-856-4576 with questions about NHED Canvas accounts.
- 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.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 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 free program will be assigned an academic coach. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- **College Guidance Network** offers all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to its comprehensive [library](#) of on-demand college and career resources.
- **Discovery Education** is available at no cost to all educators in New Hampshire. Call Nancy Rose at 603-913-9335 to get set up.

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