



## *Friday Forum*

September 1, 2023

- As students return to the classroom for a new year of learning, NHED is kicking off the second phase of its [statewide reading campaign](#) – aiming to foster a **love of reading** among our youth. Look for our mobile advertising on public transit buses throughout the state.
- NHED has issued two new **technical advisories** addressing [civics instruction](#) and the administration of [non-academic surveys or questionnaires to students](#).
- The Secretary of State’s Office is hosting an “**I Voted**” **sticker contest**, which will be open to all fourth-grade students. Local election officials will choose three winning designs, which will be distributed as stickers to all voters during the 2024 state elections. Educators are encouraged to read [this letter](#) to get their students involved.
- It is that time of year again when we prepare to spread some **holiday cheer** and support the [Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge](#). We encourage your schools to participate.
- College Guidance Network is hosting a webinar, **A Practical Guide to the College Essay** at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14. Representatives from UNH and Khan Lab School will be providing students with expert guidance on writing their college essay. This is a free event; students may register [here](#).
- Save the date! NHED is hosting the **2023 Assessment and Accountability Conference** on Oct. 19-20 at our offices, 25 Hall St. in Concord. There will be sessions hosted by Department staff, as well as our state assessment vendors and partners. Registration is free, however attendance is limited to 150 individuals. More details to come.
- **NHED’s Bureau of Credentialing** has activated text messaging (SMS) notifications through its Education Information System (EIS). Educators wishing to be notified of application updates via text will need to opt-in for this feature. To opt in: Log into EIS, click on ‘My Profile,’ go to Step 3 of 3, check the allow SMS/Text messages box and click ‘submit.’ Data rates may apply; to discontinue texts, simply uncheck the box.
- The **National Center for Safe Routes to School** is celebrating the benefits of walking during [Walk & Roll to School Day](#) on Oct. 4. Local schools are encouraged to organize their own events to increase awareness.

- Schoolhouse has launched its registration for the **October SAT Bootcamps** in preparation for the Oct. 7 SAT exam. This is a free resource for students interested in receiving peer tutoring. Students and parents may [register here](#); the deadline is Sept. 6.
- Deadline is Sept. 11! The **Promising Futures for New Hampshire grant** is accepting applications from LEAs to support universal prevention strategies in schools. Read the funding opportunity announcement [here](#).
- **Learning Blade** is excited to announce its new computer science offerings to help enhance computer science instruction in your classroom, which includes new drone lessons, Finch lessons and introduction to coding course for middle schoolers. To schedule a time to meet with Learning Blade, please use this [form](#).
- NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is hosting several free, virtual workshops from the **SEARCH Institute** on engaging families in a variety of ways. We encourage your staff to [register](#) for this professional development opportunity.
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education is offering a [webinar](#) for schools to learn more about **high school equivalency options** such as the HiSET exam and the GED exams from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 20. Topics include overviews of the tests, registering for the test, paying for the test and finding test-prep resources.
- Celebrating the legacy and current cultures of the Northeast, **Abenaki educational posters** are available for educators [here](#).

### ***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 library of on-demand college and career resources. More than 20 NH high schools have registered for the program. Contact [Bob@collegeguidancenetwork.com](mailto:Bob@collegeguidancenetwork.com) for details.
- **Discovery Education** has made some exciting changes to personalize the Educator Dashboard and improve the ability for educators to find and assign resources. New resources have also been added to existing collections. This platform 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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