



Friday Forum

Sept. 15, 2023

- NHED has [renewed](#) 8,154 educator credentials so far in 2023, which is the third-highest number of **annual renewals** in the past decade.
- This week, the State Board of Education [approved](#) a new **Learn Everywhere** program with PragerU that will provide an optional mechanism for NH students to help in obtaining their financial literacy requirement for high school graduation.
- **LifeVac** has announced that for the month of September, it will donate one free LifeVac to every school in the country. LifeVac is known for its lifesaving airway clearance device, which is used in the case of an emergency choking situation. Administrators are encouraged to order a free kit online [here](#). This request must be made by a school administrator through an official school email.
- The deadline for nominations for the **US Senate Youth Program** is Oct. 14. Each high school principal may nominate one eligible junior or senior student. Two students from each state will be selected to attend the USSYP Washington Week March 4-11, 2023 and receive a \$10,000 scholarship. More details [here](#).
- The **US Presidential Scholars Program** is accepting nominees until Nov. 13. Each school may nominate up to three students – one male and one female for general studies and one student to be included as a candidate for recognition for excellence in CTE. More details [here](#).
- The [NEA Fall Instructional Conference](#) will be held Oct. 6 at Bow High School, and is open to all public school educators and their professional colleagues. This year's theme is "**Improving School Health**" and will offer more than 80 workshops. The registration deadline is Sept. 24.
- NHED's Office of Nutrition Programs has issued its September edition of the [FFVP Thymes](#) – a newsletter for districts participating in the **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI-Concord's Community College is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from Oct. 23 to Dec. 16. This online course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Successful completion of the course will result in a recommendation for a Paraprofessional II license and three credits from NHTI. Funding may be available through your district. Register [here](#) or call Cynthia Lucero at 603-271-6484.

- The **NH Association of School Principals**, in partnership with the NH Association for Curriculum and Development and the NH Association of Special Education Administrators will be co-hosting several exciting PD learning opportunities throughout the year. Review NHASP's Professional Learning Calendar to [register](#).
- Seeking support for a new leader in your school or district? **NHASP's Principal and Assistant Principal Mentoring Program** is available to help. Together, we can support and strengthen NH's leadership pipeline. For more information contact NHASP's Executive Director, Bridey Bellemare at bbellemare@nhasp.org for more information about its mentoring program.
- September 25 is [See Something, Say Something Awareness Day](#). This is an ideal time for schools to spread the word about New Hampshire's reporting systems.
- In accordance with recommendations from Governor Sununu's School Safety Task Force, the NH Information & Analysis Center has developed an annual [School Safety and Security Bulletin](#) that provides schools with the latest **safety and security** related information.
- **Pandemic-EBT SNAP benefits** are available for eligible households for summer 2023. Please help spread the word to your school families. Households that participated in the National School Lunch Program, free or reduced meals, those children may be eligible for P-EBT for July-August 2023. If you currently receive SNAP benefits and children in your household are eligible for NSLP at their school, you will be automatically eligible for these benefits and do not need to apply; benefits will go to your current EBT card in early November. For families that do NOT currently receive SNAP benefits and children in that household were determined eligible for NSLP at their school, they will need to complete a brief application [here](#) from Sept. 30 to Nov. 30.
- Attention ELs and ESOL teachers and administrators! NHED and **UpRiver Education** will be offering four, 90-minute virtual EL educator sessions this month:
 - Sept. 18 at 3:15 p.m. [Multilingual Family Partnerships](#)
 - Sept. 21 at 3:15 p.m. [Making Sense of WIDA 2020](#)
 - Sept. 25 at 3:15 p.m. [Language or Disability](#)
 - Sept. 28 at 3:15 p.m. [Adapting Assessments for Multilingual Learners: Getting Clear on What They Know](#)
- This past April, FEMA announced the end of the incident period for the COVID-19 Disaster for the FEMA Public Assistance funding. The incident period for the COVID Disaster ended on May 11. This was the deadline for all eligible completed work to be reimbursed at a 90% federal cost share. These 90% cost share projects must be completed and submitted to the **Covid Recovery Section at HSEM** prior to Oct. 17. HSEM encourages you to work with its office, DOS.NHPA@dos.nh.gov, prior to this date if you are pursuing additional funding.
- Deadline extended until Sept. 18! 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.

- The **NH Educators Forum on Digital Access, Skills & Pedagogy**: How Best to Deploy Federal Funding to NH will take place at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21. This is an interactive forum for educators, afterschool, adult education, community college and university levels to launch a conversation about how federal funding from the Digital Equity Act can best boost efforts to ensure every learner has the support needed to fully participate in educational opportunities. Register [here](#).
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education is offering a [special webinar](#) for schools to learn more about **high school equivalency testing options** including both the HiSET exam and the GED exams from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 20.

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