



## *Friday Forum*

September 8, 2023

- NHED issued two new **technical advisories** this week – one that addresses [Restraint and Seclusion](#), and another that focuses on [Objectionable Material](#).
- This week, the NH Department of Environmental Services released a [report](#) of lead in drinking water at New Hampshire schools and child care facilities.
- Reminder that the **Beginning of Year (BOY) data submissions**, as well as Free and Reduced (F&R) data collections, should be live in the system on Sept. 15, batch verified by Oct. 6, and with anomalies resolved and district reports by Oct 18; data should be certified by Oct. 20.
- Join SchoolSafety.gov's [Back-to-School Campaign](#) to share helpful resources and tools to create **safe learning environments**. SchoolSafety.gov offers animated videos, communication toolkits, infographics and more to help spread the word.
- The **NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development**, in partnership with the NH Association of School Principals and the NH Teachers of Mathematics, will be hosting a wide array of exciting PD learning opportunities throughout the year. Start planning now by reviewing the [NHASCD Conference Catalog](#), which includes registration links.
- Attention **paraprofessionals!** NHED and 321 Insight are offering PD sessions for paraprofessionals and other school district staff for the new school year. Full-day sessions include two, three-hour workshops with hands-on, interactive content that provides resources and effective strategies to support students. Topics include: proactive behavior strategies, staff wellness, trauma-informed practices and more. To reserve a PD opportunity for your district, [complete this form](#).
- Tutor.com is preparing for the **college admissions season**. This [flyer](#) is available for schools to share with students reminding them that Tutor.com is available for SAT and ACT prep, as well as college essay drop-off reviews and traditional homework help. Schools may customize the flyer by including their own contact information at the bottom.
- College Guidance Network is offering a free [webinar](#), **A Practical Guide to the College Essay**, exclusively for NH students and parents at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14. Please share this resource with your high school seniors.

- 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](#).
- NHED's **Bureau of Federal Compliance** has published its [September newsletter](#).
- The **Boston Red Sox** will host an Educator Appreciation game at 7:10 p.m. on Sept. 22 against the Chicago White Sox. Group tickets are available for educators. Learn more [here](#).
- **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.

### ***Resources for Educators***

- 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](#)
- 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.
- **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.
- **Discovery Education** has convenient and free PD for new educators or anyone that needs a refresher to get started using Discovery Education Experience. [Sign up here](#) for live training tailored to your needs, or call Nancy Rose at 603-913-9335 to get set up with on-site training for your district.

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