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ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, INSTRUCTION, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

A. Smarter Balanced Assessment Resources

The NH DOE team has prepared communication materials and other resources for the release of the Smarter Balanced Assessment results. They can be found on the New Hampshire Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal (<http://nh.portal.airast.org/>). Included on this site are tools to help districts and educators communicate accurately and consistently about New Hampshire's Smarter Balanced Assessment system. To access this information click on the "Resources" tab (top of the page) then scroll to "Reporting Resources."

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B. SAT to Replace Smarter Balanced Assessments in Grade Eleven

In collaboration with school district leadership, the NH DOE spent the last year researching the impact of using the College Board SAT for its high school statewide assessment requirement. Through this work, it was determined that students and parents would greatly benefit from this one-day, rigorous assessment to better understand if a student is ready to continue their educational aspirations. The NH DOE plans to implement the SAT at the 11th grade beginning in the 2015-2016 school year and beyond. The SAT will replace the Smarter Balanced Assessments for 11th grade students. We are working with the College Board regarding a fiscal contract that will go before the Governor and Council in November.

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C. Smarter Balanced Results Training

The NH DOE Data Coach Support Team has scheduled training sessions to learn about the preliminary Smarter Balanced results, using PerformancePLUS. These workshops are intended for district and school personnel that may be charged with informing other educators on understanding and making use of the Smarter Balanced results within PerformancePLUS. Participants will learn key vocabulary and what it means as they understand and interpret student results. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to view Pushed Reports and spend time working with the reports within PerformancePLUS.

Please sign up for **one** of the following trainings — space is limited.

October 13th, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-noon - North Country (North Country Education Services – NCES) - Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pplusSep2015>

October 13th, Tuesday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - North Country (North Country Education Services – NCES) - Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pplusSep2015>

October 13th, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - WEBINAR
Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4441260985894556929>

October 13th, Tuesday 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - WEBINAR
Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3331728409143017985>

October 15th, Thursday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Concord (NH DOE, Walker Building, 21 South Fruit Street, Room 100) - Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pplusSep2015>

October 15th, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. – Concord (NH DOE, 101 Pleasant Street, Room 12) - Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pplusSep2015>

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DATA

A. Fall i4see Submission Schedule:

- October 15 – Deadline for 2014-2015 Final BOY submissions. BOY files include all students who have been in your schools this school year through October 1st. Attendance data is required in this submission.
- October 15 - Special education personnel are asked to work with the i4see coordinators to report in the BOY any students that are in Out of District NONPUBLIC placements at their school district's expense. Any students that are missed, that were included in the 2015 EOY (End of Year) in nonpublic out of district placements, will be reported as anomalies in the report "EOY Students Not Found in a BOY." This report can be found on the i4see workbench under the Analysis tab>Anomaly and State Reports >BOY screen.
- October 15 – Course Submissions and Student Class Submissions. These should represent the courses your teachers are teaching and the students enrolled in those courses.
- November 9 - F&R Submissions (Free and Reduced Eligible) – Include in this submission all students whose applications have been received and processed by October 30 or who appear on the "direct cert" report.

The enrollment data will be used in determining your estimated 2015-16 ADM for the FY2016-17 Estimated Adequacy Aid.

If your SAU has changed the i4see Contact Person, please let us know at i4see.help@doe.nh.gov

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B. Fall Reports

The following reports should be entered into the ESS system (using the myNHDOE Single Sign On System) and then printed, signed, and forwarded to Data Management. They are due by October 15, 2015.

- Class and Staffing Form (A 12B)
- Central Office Personnel (A 12D)*
- Teacher Attainment and Average Salary (A 12F)

The report below no longer requires the Superintendent's signature, but please enter your best estimate in ESS, then print and send the report to Data Management. It is due by October 15, 2015.

- District Level Home Schooled Count (A 12E)*

*These reports are not required from Charter Schools

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HEARINGS

A. Ed 505.07 and Ed 610.02 (Professional Education Requirements)

A public hearing will be held November 18, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. Deadline for written comment will be December 3, 2015. The proposed change to the administrative rules is to add an educator code of ethics through reference to the NASDTEC Model Code of Educator Ethics (MCEE). See http://www.nasdtec.net/default.asp?page=MCEE_DOCS for information on the MCEE. See www.education.nh.gov/legislation/adopt_amend_repeal.htm for information on Administrative Rulemaking for the New Hampshire Department of Education.

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NH HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

A. Call for Proposals

The New England Secondary School Consortium is inviting schools from New England and across the nation to submit proposals to present at the 7th Annual High School Redesign in Action Conference, March 17-18, 2016. The High School Redesign in Action conference is the New England Secondary School Consortium's seventh annual conference for educators to share success stories, exchange best practices, and continue to build momentum for innovations that will personalize learning so all students will be successful in the colleges, careers, and communities of the 21st century. Proposals must involve the sharing of practices that are aligned with personalized learning and the NESSC's Global Best Practices. Proposals must be submitted by November 2, 2015. For more information go to http://newenglandssc.org/conference/call_for_proposals.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Tips, Tools, and Strategies for Successful Transition Planning

The New Hampshire Transition Community of Practice announces its 9th Annual Transition Summit, the only statewide conference for training, collaboration, networking, and information focused on post-secondary outcomes for students. Results from the last Summit showed attendees want tips, tools, and templates they can put into practice immediately. Therefore, all summit presentation this year will offer these elements. The Summit will take place on November 18th, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. To register or for more information go to www.iod.unh.edu/transitionsummit2015.

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B. Registered Youth Apprenticeship & School-to-Work/Work-Based Learning Overview

This School-to-Work and Work-Based Learning Overview of Youth Labor Laws, Site Approval, Non-Paid Work-Based Learning Approval & Obtaining Hazardous Order Exemptions will take place Friday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. – noon in Concord.

The target audience is CTE directors & other secondary school administrators and Work-based learning and school-to-career coordinators. Pre-Register for this event at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZjDPoA65Wy>.

C. School Nursing Essentials and Beyond

School Nursing Essentials and Beyond is three one-day workshops presented by the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association in collaboration with the New Hampshire State Department of Education. You may register for one, two or three days (October 17th, November 14th, and March 12th). To register or for more information go to <https://nhsn3a18.wildapricot.org/event-1969527>. For questions contact NHSNA@comcast.net.

DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATES

Mary Steady, Administrator of the Office of Student Wellness, has been elected as chair of the Steering and Executive Committees for the NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative. The Collaborative is a multi-disciplinary initiative fixing barriers and improving behavioral health outcomes for children, youth and their families in New Hampshire. The Collaborative represents the largest ever collaboration of New Hampshire child and family organizations and agencies-more than 50-focused on mental health and substance use disorders for children, youth and families. The goal of the Collaborative is to develop and implement a plan that would transform the current delivery system. For more information, please visit: <http://goo.gl/HWjvvZ>.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. 2016 NH Teacher of the Year

Ashley Preston, a preschool teacher at Parker Varney Elementary School in Manchester, is the 2016 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. In receiving this award, Ms. Preston becomes New Hampshire's candidate for National Teacher of the Year. Ashley will serve as a leader and ambassador for all the outstanding teachers devoted to the highest level of student learning in their classrooms. (www.education.nh.gov/recognition/toy2016.htm)

B. 2015 Blue Ribbon Schools

Canaan Elementary School and Gilmanton School have been selected as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015. Each year since 1982, the U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. These Blue Ribbon Schools are an example of what teachers and students can achieve. (www.education.nh.gov/news/blue-ribbon15.htm)

C. Lawrence W. O'Toole Award

Congratulations to the Sanborn Regional School District on winning the Nellie Mae Education Foundation's 4th Annual Lawrence W. O'Toole Award. This award is given out each year to an educator, school, district or non-profit that has exhibited great leadership in moving student-centered approaches to learning forward in New England. (<http://studentsatthecenterhub.org/otoole-award-winner>)

RESOURCES

A. Be a Learning Hero

To help parents help their children, the National PTA along with other national organizations such as Scholastic, National Council of La Raza, GreatSchools, and Common Sense Media, launched Be a Learning Hero — a public service partnership designed to support parents to be learning heroes for their kids at back to school and throughout the school year. For more information go to <http://bealearninghero.org>.

B. WWII Art of Private Charles J. Miller

The Wright Museum of World War II is proud to present the paintings of NH native Charles Miller. The exhibit displays the seldom-seen sketches by this self-taught artist. These works provide an unfiltered look at the everyday life of G.I.s who fought in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Because Miller also wrote descriptions of what he portrayed on most of his sketches, his works are historical documents as well as art. The eighty-three sketches in the exhibit represent a fraction of the 700 works Miller created during his time in the Pacific. For more information go to www.wrightmuseum.org.

OTHER

United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP)

In New Hampshire each high school principal may nominate one eligible student. Selection will be based on academic accomplishments, community services, and demonstrated qualities of leadership as elected high school student body officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Whether outspoken or soft spoken, the type of student who thrives during Washington Week is one who is truly interested in government, history, politics and leadership and one who has a demonstrated desire to serve others in a leadership capacity. High academic achievement, high aspirations for college and career and other clear examples of self-motivation and creativity often define Senate Youth delegates. A selection committee reviews the nominations and chooses several finalists. All finalists are interviewed in early November by the selection committee. The Committee then selects two primary delegates and a first and second alternate. Alternates will be selected as replacements in the event a primary delegate is for any reason unable to participate in the program's Washington Week. Delegates will travel to Washington (all expenses paid) and receive \$5,000 scholarships. The 54th Annual USSYP will be held in Washington, D.C. March 5-12, 2016. For more information go to www.education.nh.gov/recognition/us_senate.htm. Application deadline is October 15, 2015.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is pleased to announce that the application for the Cooke College Scholarship Program is now open. This award, now in its third year, provides high-achieving students with financial need up to \$40,000 a year for college. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholars are selected based on exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, a desire to help others, and leadership. The deadline for applications is November 3, 2015. To apply or for more information go to http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/?utm_campaign=CS%202015%205%20Ways%20to%20Share&utm_source=email.

Leaders Save Lives Blood Drive Scholarship Opportunity

Leaders Save Lives is a scholarship opportunity for high school and college students. Students will gain a meaningful leadership and community service experience. In addition, they may become eligible to win a scholarship and earn a gift card. High school students can also earn an automatic tier upgrade for the High School Leadership Program. Blood drives must be scheduled between December 15, 2015 to January 15, 2016. For more information go to

http://www.redcrossblood.org/leaderssavelives?utm_source=realmagnet&utm_medium=email&utm_content=header_image&utm_campaign=BHQ_LSL_Donors25up_201508.

Schools of Excellence

The “ED”ies committee was established to provide a process that honors exemplary practices and excellence at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels throughout the Granite State. The application process will help you and your school team engage in a collaborative and self-reflective dialogue focused solely on continuous improvement and excellence in education. The winning school at each level will receive state-wide recognition as the EDies School of Excellence, \$2,000, a school banner, and a beautifully engraved school bell signifying excellence in education. For more information go to www.edies.org/application-materials. Deadline to apply is December 4, 2015.

Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award

Nominees are being sought for the annual Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award. NH Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM) is presenting the award in recognition of the contribution that Ferd has made to the mathematics educators of New Hampshire during his thirty years as the state mathematics consultant. The award is being given to a beginning teacher in her/his first through fifth year who meets the following criteria which exemplify the characteristics which Ferd has brought to his teaching:

- commitment to good mathematics
- confidence that children can learn
- a spirit of self-reflection and professional curiosity
- caring and concern for colleagues
- a willingness to explore, to learn, and to grow as a teacher of mathematics
- a willingness to share mathematical and pedagogical activities with others.

The recipient will receive a plaque of achievement, a \$250 prize, and a one year membership to NHTM. The presentation of the award will be made at the NHTM Spring Conference.

Nomination forms and applications can be found on the NHTM Web site at

www.nhmathteachers.org/page-1729170 or can be obtained by sending a request to Rich Andrusiak at randrusiak@ccsnh.edu. Nominations are due by December 15, 2015.

LifeChanger of the Year Award

LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program that recognizes and rewards K-12 educators and school employees from around the country. A LifeChanger could be a math teacher who stays after school to tutor struggling students, a guidance counselor who encourages every student to reach their full potential, or a custodian who offers encouraging words. To submit a nomination or for more information, visit www.lifechangeroftheyear.com.

National Center for Women & IT (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing

Aspirations in Computing is a talent development pipeline initiative of the NCWIT. This award honors high school women who are active and interested in computing and technology, and encourages them to pursue their passions. We ask that educators at your institution help publicize this opportunity, identify high school aged young women with an interest in computing, and strongly encourage them to apply. To apply or for more information go to www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school or contact Melissa Gould, Co-Coordinator, ME-NH-VT Aspirations, University of New Hampshire at melissa.gould@unh.edu. Deadline to apply is October 26, 2015.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Now through November 3, 2015, students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program was created in 1995 by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to honor middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. To apply or for more information go to <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

Special Education Teacher of the Year

This award was established to honor an outstanding special educator. The winner of this award will be honored at the EDies in June 2016. The winner will also be eligible to be considered for the international "CEC Special Educator of the Year." Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2015. For more information contact Lois-Jean Stevens, Special Education Director, Prospect Mountain High School, (603) 875-3800 ext. 3144 or lstevens@pmhschool.com.

Bananagrams Challenge 2016

The BANANAGRAMS Challenge provides students with an enjoyable and interactive way to develop language skills as they play and learn with words. BANANAGRAMS is a fast-paced competitive word-race game that requires no pencil, paper, board or waiting for turns. The Challenge is open to students in grades 4, 5, and 6 and is free to enter for any New England School. The BANANAGRAMS Challenge is limited to 500 schools – so register yours today. To register or for more information go to <https://bananagramschallenge.com>.

Fire and Life Safety Poster Contest

The Department of Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and the New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society, believe that Fire Prevention and Life Safety should be a part of daily life throughout the year in every New Hampshire household. Third grade students are challenged to design a poster representing an important fire prevention & life safety message. This annual poster contest is open to all third grade students in the state of New Hampshire. Deadline for submissions is no later than February 26, 2016. For more information go to www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/pub_ed/index.htm.

2016 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud High School Program Registration Open

The NH State Council on the Arts announces that registration for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts' Poetry Out Loud 2016 has begun. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud is a national competition for high school students that encourages them to memorize and recite great works of poetry. Visit www.nh.gov/nharts) and click on the Poetry Out Loud button, to register on-line and find out how your school can get involved. There are resources and on-line anthology of poems at www.PoetryOutLoud.org. For more information contact, Catherine O'Brian, NH State Council on the Arts, Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov; or Caitlin Delaney, NH Poetry Out Loud Coordinator/Opus Advisors, cdelaney@opusadvisorsllc.com, at (603) 271-0795. The registration deadline is Nov. 2, 2015.

NH Arts Education Partnership Conference 2015: The Art & Spirit of Leadership

The NH State Council on the Arts invites all arts educators, parents, teaching artists, teachers, administrators and creative youth development leaders to the New Hampshire 2015 Statewide Arts Education Conference, November 6th at 3S Artspace in Portsmouth, NH. More details and on-line registration available at www.nh.gov/nharts, www.nhartslearningnetwork.org, or www.aannh.org.

Bridging Education to the Real World

The NH Business Education Association invites you to come network and collaborate with those who educate for and about business. Engage in conversation with field experts, and learn about innovative ways to engage students through competency based learning, 21st century classroom methods, credentialing, pathways and LinkedIn profile building. This event is taking place on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Southern NH University, Banquet Center. For more information e-mail nhbea.bod@gmail.com or constance.bonenfant@doe.nh.gov.

The NH Teachers of Mathematics Fall 2015 Dine & Discuss Mini-Conference

This conference provides a forum for educators to come together and explore a particular mathematical topic. *From Principles and Practices to Actions and Evidence – How do we get there and what does it look like?* is taking place Monday, November 9th from 4:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, in Concord. To register or for more information go to <http://nhtm.wildapricot.org/event-2017535>.

Manchester Monarchs Education Day

The Manchester Monarchs, in partnership with the New Hampshire State Board of Education and the New Hampshire Department of Education, invite you to participate in the 6th annual Monarchs Education Day on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. This event reflects the Monarchs continued commitment to New Hampshire's youth and their education. It will be a fun and educational day that your students will never forget. On this day, the Verizon Wireless Arena will be more than just an entertainment venue; it will be the largest classroom in NH. For more information go to www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/monarchs.htm or contact Andrew Yarnall of the Manchester Monarchs at (603) 626-7825 ext. 6103 or ayarnall@manchestermonarchs.com.