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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
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REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to grant funds in the amount of \$30,000 to the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA), Concord, NH, (Vendor Code 155313) in support of the 2016 June Conference of New Hampshire School System Leaders, in partnership with the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA); effective upon Governor and Council approval through July 1, 2016. 100% Federal Funds

Funding is available in the account titled Title II Prof Develop as follows:

	<u>FY16</u>
06-56-56-563010-21830000-102-500731 Contracts for Program Services	\$30,000.00

EXPLANATION

The NHSAA is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to providing the best possible public education for the children of New Hampshire. The membership includes Superintendents of Schools, Assistant Superintendents, Business Officials, Special Education Directors, Curriculum Coordinators and other system administrators.

The Department has been invited to participate annually in the NHSAA Commissioner's June Conference and Annual Meeting for 37 years. This year's conference is being held June 26-29, 2016 at Mountain View Grand Hotel in Whitefield, New Hampshire. These funds will contribute to presenter fees, materials and expenses for the conference. The Department of Education will use this event as an opportunity to collaborate with and support public school officials throughout the State.

The opening session will begin with a student performance by members of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Guest speakers will include Ty Gagne, CEO, Primex; Dr. Stephan Kossakoski, CEO, Virtual Learning Academy; John Martin, Founder & CEO, GenerationsMatter; Dr. Brian Blake, 2016 New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year (SAU #17); and Michael Horn, Co-founder & Distinguished Fellow, Clayton Christensen Institute.

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In addition to the above mentioned presentations, participants will have the opportunity to take part in informal meetings related to issues of educational leadership and to network with their peers.

In the event Federal Funds no longer become available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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*June Conference on  
Educational Leadership*

*and*

*75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
of the  
New Hampshire School  
Administrators Association*

*Serving the Children of New Hampshire since 1941*

# *Agenda*



June 26 - 29, 2016  
Mountain View Grand  
Whitefield, NH

**2016 June Conference on Educational Leadership  
and Annual Meeting of the  
New Hampshire School Administrators Association**

**Agenda**

**“Educational Leadership in Times of Transition”**

The 2016 conference is co-sponsored by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association  
and the New Hampshire Department of Education with the generous support of  
Primex and HealthTrust.

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**Sunday - June 26, 2016**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:00-4:30 pm	<b>Conference Registration</b> - Presidential Ballroom Foyer - <i>Adjacent to Hotel</i> <i>Coffee, tea, and refreshments</i> <i>Informal orientation for new members</i>
3:00-4:30 pm	<b>Room Check-In at Hotel Front Desk</b>
4:40-4:45 pm	<b>Welcome to Conference</b> - Crystal Ballroom Ms. Marjorie Chiafery, Chair of NHSAA Professional Development Committee
4:45-5:45 pm	<b>Student Performance</b> Members of the <i>Kearsarge Regional School District</i> will perform several songs ahead of the evening reception
5:45-6:15 pm	<b>Seeking a Life Balance for Leaders</b> NHSAA members and partners will share their personal hobbies and practices that enable this leadership
6:15-7:15 pm	<b>Reception</b> - Crystal Ballroom Foyer <i>Sponsored by the Mountain View Grand</i>
7:15-8:45 pm	<b>Dinner</b> - Crystal Ballroom <i>Introduction of guests</i> <i>Thank you to sponsors</i>
8:45 pm-Midnight	<b>Hospitality Room</b> - Dodge Parlor <i>Sponsored by NHSAA</i>

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Monday - June 27, 2016

Time

Event

7:00-9:00 am

**Breakfast** - Crystal Ballroom

9:00-9:15 am

**Welcome** - Presidential Ballroom - *Adjacent to Hotel*  
Dr. Virginia Barry, Commissioner of Education, NHDOE  
*Introduction of conference theme and goals*

9:15-10:45 am

***Trouble in the Presidentials: What a Mountaineering Accident Can Teach Us About Managing Risk***  
- Mr. Ty Gagne, CEO, Primex



Although strikingly beautiful, Mount Washington and the surrounding Presidential Range hold the dubious distinction of having “the world’s worst weather.” The Presidential Range is also world-renowned for the challenging terrain it provides for alpinists, and as such, has been the scene of hundreds of mountaineering accidents over the years. Ty will provide an in-depth analysis of a recent tragedy on the range and extend those lessons and others learned above the tree line into your roles as system leaders, faculty, staff, and team members.

*About the presenter:*

Ty Gagne, Chief Executive Officer of Primex, has held executive positions in the municipal (law enforcement), non-profit, and healthcare sectors, and was a two-term school board member. Ty holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire and a Bachelor of Science from Granite State College. Ty is a member of the Leadership NH Class of 2013 and is the co-founder of Leadership Central NH. Ty completed the program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He holds the Associate in Risk Pool Management (ARPM) and the Associate in Risk Management for Public Entities (ARM-P) designations. Ty serves on the non-profit boards of Racing 4 Valor and Androscoggin Valley Search & Rescue, where he is also a team member. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and a wilderness medical/survival instructor for Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO) based in North Conway.

10:45-11:00 am

**Break**

11:00 am-12:30 pm

***Unleashing the Potential of Student-Centered and Competency-Based Learning***  
- Dr. Stephan Kossakoski, CEO, Virtual Learning Academy (VLACS)



The tenets of student-centered learning – competency-based, anytime anywhere, personalized, and student ownership – can be used as the basis for creating customized learning plans that match the interests, talents, and passions of students. During this session, attendees will learn how the new VLACS learning model provides students with an almost limitless number of learning opportunities.

*About the presenter:*

Stephen Kossakoski is an experienced teacher, administrator, and educational technology leader. Dr. Kossakoski is currently the CEO of the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, New Hampshire's first statewide online virtual public school. Under his leadership, the school has received numerous awards and quickly grown to become one of the largest statewide virtual schools in the country.

During his career, Dr. Kossakoski has led technology, curriculum, and professional development efforts in two New Hampshire school districts, directed a regional professional development center, co-founded two charter schools, worked as an independent consultant, and served as adjunct faculty at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Kossakoski has received many awards and accolades for his work in the education realm, including the 1998 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award and the 1997 Technology Leadership Award from the New Hampshire Society for Technology in Education. He holds a Ph.D. and a M.Ed. from the University of New Hampshire and a B.S.Ed. from Keene State College.

12:30-1:30 pm

**Lunch Buffet** – Crystal Ballroom

1:30-3:00 pm

***The Future of Education***

**- Mr. John W. Martin, Founder & CEO, GenerationsMatter**

**SESSION DESCRIPTION**

Customized trends presentation for your industry, organization, marketplace or community, presented along with key implications and action steps.

*About the presenter:*

As CEO of the GenerationsMatter and president and CEO of the Southeastern Institute of Research, John provides strategic guidance to both organizations. John was the inspiration behind broadening the Boomer Project to include study of all generations.

John spends much of his time on the road giving presentations and seminars to audiences across the country. Prior to joining SIR, John led the marketing efforts of PBM Products, a multinational company that developed and distributed store brand and national brand product lines of infant formula.

3:00-5:30 pm

**Individual Meetings & Networking**

*Participants are invited to take part in informal meetings related to issues of educational leadership.*

5:30-7:00 pm

**Reception and Silent Auction** – Crystal Ballroom Foyer

*Sponsored by Honeywell, Mr. Jim Lucy*

7:00-8:30 pm

**Dinner** – Crystal Ballroom

*Introduction of guests* – NHSAA President, Dr. Phil Littlefield

*Recognition of:*

*NHSAA Retiring Executive Board Members*



*NHSAA 2016 Outstanding Service Award Recipient  
NHSAA 2016 Distinguished Service Award Recipient*

8:30 pm-Midnight **Hospitality Room – Dodge Parlor**  
*Sponsored by NHSAA*

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**Tuesday – June 28, 2016**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:00-9:00 am	<b>Breakfast – Crystal Ballroom</b>
9:00-9:15 am	<b>Welcome – Presidential Ballroom – <i>Adjacent to Hotel</i></b> Dr. Virginia Barry, Commissioner of Education, NHDOE
9:15-10:00 am	<b>Distinguished Lecturer – Dr. Brian Blake, SAU #17</b> <b>2016 New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year</b>
10:00-10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am-12:00 pm	<b><i>The Systems Leader Role in Transforming Education</i></b> <b>– Mr. Michael B. Horn, Co-founder &amp; Distinguished Fellow, Clayton Christensen Institute</b>



**SESSION DESCRIPTION**

*About the presenter:*

Michael Horn speaks and writes about the future of education and works with a portfolio of education organizations to improve the life of each and every student. He is the co-founder of and a distinguished fellow at the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, a non-profit think tank, and he serves as a principal consultant for Entangled Solutions, which offers innovation services to higher education institutions. An expert on disruptive innovation, online learning, blended learning, competency-based learning, and how to transform the education system into a student-centered one, Horn serves on the board and advisory boards of a range of education organizations.

Horn was selected as a 2014 Eisenhower Fellow to study innovation in education in Vietnam and Korea, and *Tech&Learning* magazine named him to its list of the 100 most important people in the creation and advancement of the use of technology in education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from Yale University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

12:00-1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Buffet – Crystal Ballroom</b>
1:00-5:30 pm	<b>Individual Pursuits &amp; Networking</b> <i>Take part in a variety of planned activities – See enclosed activity list</i>
5:30-7:00 pm	<b>Welcome Reception for Retirees – Presidential Ballroom – <i>Adjacent to Hotel</i></b>

*Co-Sponsored by the NH School Health Care Coalition, Lisa Duquette, and  
VALIC, Melanie Koresky*

*Complimentary photos provided by Lifetouch National School Studios*

- 7:00-8:30 pm     **NHSAA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner** – Presidential Ballroom  
*Recognition of deceased NHSAA members*
- 8:30-9:00 pm     **Recognition Program and Silent Auction Results** – Presidential Ballroom  
Dr. Brian Blake, President, NHSAA  
*Thank you to sponsors*  
*Introduction of retirees*  
*Executive Director's remarks* – Dr. Mark Joyce  
*Recognition of:*  
    *2016 NH Superintendent of the Year – Dr. Brian Blake*  
    *15<sup>th</sup> Annual NHSAA Leadership Scholarships*  
    *NHSAA President*  
*Honoring Mark???*
- 9:00 pm-11:00 pm     **Dancing & Live Music** – Presidential Ballroom/ Hospitality Room –  
Dodge Parlor  
*Sponsored by NHSAA*  
*Wicked Smart Horn Band???*

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Wednesday – June 29, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:30-9:00 am	Breakfast for non-member attendees – Main Restaurant
7:45-9:00 am	<b>NHSAA Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting*</b> – Presidential Ballroom – <i>Adjacent to Hotel</i> * (Meeting is open to NHSAA Members only) <b>Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order – Dr. Phil Littlefield, President</li><li>• President’s Report – Reflections of a Year of Service</li><li>• Recognition Ceremony – Dr. Dean Cascadden, President-Elect<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Recognition of outgoing President</li></ul></li><li>• Review of Annual Report – Dr. Mark Joyce, Executive Director<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Executive Director’s Annual Report</li><li>▪ Evaluation of 2015-16 year</li></ul></li><li>• Introduction of President-Elect – Dr. Dean Cascadden<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Opening Remarks</li></ul></li><li>• Approval of Resolutions for 2016-17 – Mr. Nathan Greenberg</li><li>• Other Business</li><li>• Legislative Discussion – An update on the outcomes of the legislative session and the impact on school districts.</li></ul>
9:00-11:30 am	<b>Review of Changes and Discussion of Preparations for the 2016-2017 School Year with State Leaders</b> Dr. Virginia Barry, Commissioner of Education, NHDOE  Discussion to include:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review and discussion of new laws enacted by the Legislature and Rules from Divisions of government</li><li>2. Overview of successful school reform efforts throughout NH and sharing of best practices</li><li>3. Discussion of leaders’ concerns</li><li>4. Review of initiatives for the 2016-2017 school year</li><li>5. Overview of professional development for the 2016-2017 school year and NHSAA meetings</li></ol>
	
11:30 am	<b>Awards for Golfing; Evaluation and Adjournment</b>
11:45 am	Pick up box lunch (if ordered by noon on Tuesday) – Presidential Ballroom Foyer – <i>Adjacent to Hotel</i>

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***Special thanks to the New Hampshire Department of Education, Primex, HealthTrust, and our vendor sponsors for their contributions to the conference and our association, as well as their ongoing work in support of New Hampshire’s children.***

**Note:** Conference Attire:

- ~ Sunday evening and all day sessions are Business Casual (casual attire; no ties for men)
- ~ Monday and Tuesday evenings’ receptions and dinners are Business Formal (dress, skirt, or dress slacks for women; jacket & tie for men)

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The June Conference on Educational Leadership and  
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on  
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\$30,000.00

**Total Due: \$30,000.00**

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**Thank you!**