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SUBJECT: NH TCAP

I wanted to remind you that again this year, the state-wide educator preparation programs of the New Hampshire Institution of Higher Education (IHE) Network are implementing the New Hampshire Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance (NH TCAP) program. This is the fifth year of the program with hundreds of participating New Hampshire student teachers.

This common assessment is the result of a proactive approach to current educational trends toward accountability and increasing the rigor of educator preparation. The NH TCAP is consistent with current national accreditation developments in educator preparation. The tasks of this common assessment include lesson planning and videoing of student teachers to assess their efficacy.

Given previous legislation regarding videotaping, please be aware the law has been amended to allow the use of video with student teachers. I encourage you to allow student teachers to video their NH TCAP lessons and to benefit from the rich learning that results from critical reflection and self-evaluation.

If your district hosts a student teacher involved in the NH TCAP, please join me in supporting and encouraging the work of educator preparation faculty and their student teachers in successfully completing all required components.

Please share this information with your school principals and if you or your principals have any questions, please contact your partner IHE or the NH IHE Network, by emailing Megan Birch, (mlbirch@plymouth.edu) and/or Suzanne Canali (SuzanneCanali@nhia.edu).