

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

Executive Order 2006-10

An Order Regarding Establishing a Governor's P-16 Working Group

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's economy rests on the quality of its schools, colleges, and universities to provide a well educated and well rounded workforce; and

WHEREAS, the state needs a trained workforce that can address 21st century employment needs; and

WHEREAS, nearly two of every three new jobs will require a bachelor's degree; and

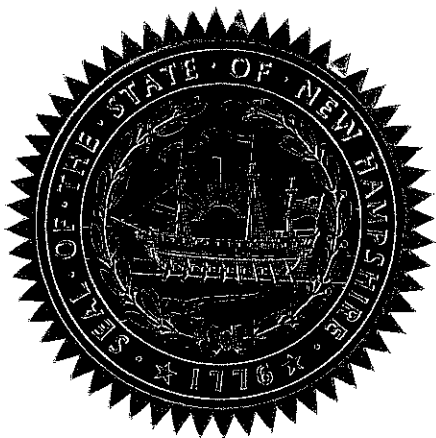
WHEREAS, postsecondary education systems are the incubators of today's global economy, new jobs, and new companies; and

WHEREAS, K-12 education is the cornerstone of the future;

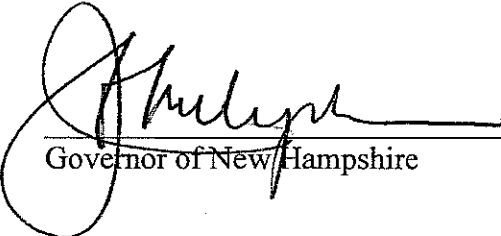
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately:

1. The establishment of the New Hampshire P-16 Working Group.
2. That the purpose for the P-16 Working Group is to communicate and collaborate across the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education sectors to encourage students to stay in school, improve their academic performance, and to raise aspirations leading to enrollment in colleges and universities.
3. That the goals of the P-16 Working Group shall be to increase access and success at all education levels by regularly assessing educational accomplishments, bridging curricula, increasing articulation, and sharing data, including the development of a shared data system.
4. That the P-16 Working Group shall support the intent and development of the Follow The Child Initiative.
5. That the purpose and goals of the P-16 Working Group shall be implemented by the following objectives:
 - a. The creation of high school sites offering college courses;
 - b. Expand University System of New Hampshire's Project Mentor statewide, including expansion to the New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges and private institutions; and
 - c. The pilot of at least two high schools requiring all graduating high school seniors to complete at least one college application.

6. That the P-16 Working Group shall make recommendations to the Governor regarding potential legislation, policies, and programs that will serve to enhance the development of a more integrated pre-kindergarten through college education system in New Hampshire. Such recommendations shall include but not be limited to proposals to allow for a P-16 longitudinal data collection system, which will allow the P-16 Working Group to collect relevant data and answer questions at the core of educational effectiveness, including:
 - a. Following student academic progress from grade to grade;
 - b. Determining the value-added and efficiencies of specific schools and programs;
 - c. Identifying consistently high-performing schools so that educators and the public can learn from best practices;
 - d. Evaluating the effect of teacher preparation and training programs on student achievement; and
 - e. Focusing on school systems that prepare a higher percentage of students to succeed in rigorous high school courses, college and challenging jobs.
7. That the members of the P-16 Working Group shall consist of 8 members who will include: the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education, the Chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Community Technical College System, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire College and University Council, the President of the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council, a leader from the New Hampshire Business Community, and a designee of the Governor.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 29th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and six.


Governor of New Hampshire