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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Curriculum Supervisors, Principals
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Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites New Jersey school districts to join in celebrating Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) the week of December 5 to 9, 2022. CSEdWeek is an annual week-long celebration to inspire K-12 students to learn Computer Science, advocate for equitable Computer Science education for all students, and celebrate contributions to the field of Computer Science.

- The first CSEdWeek was launched the week of December 6 to 9, 2009 through a collaboration of professional, federal, corporate, and nonprofit organizations to coincide with the birthday of the Computer Scientist, [Admiral Grace Hopper](#). Admiral Grace Hopper contributed to the development of word-based programming languages which accelerated the development of business applications.
- Code.org launched the first Hour of Code event on December 9, 2013. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to Computer Science to emphasize that anyone can learn Computer Science and to broaden participation in the field.

The theme of CSEdWeek 2022 is *Celebrating Progress* to highlight the progress that has been made in Computer Science over the last decade. The hashtag #CelebratingProgress is being used on social media to promote the great CSEdWeek activities taking place in schools across the country. School districts can join the celebration by:

- Hosting an Hour of Code or similar event during CSEdWeek. Resources are available on the [CSEdWeek](#) and [Hour of Code](#) websites.
- Completing this short [CSEdWeek 2022 District Activities Survey](#) with information about CSEdWeek events hosted in the districts. The information will be included in a heat map of New Jersey displaying the names and locations of schools hosting CSEdWeek events and posted on social media.
- Sharing CSEdWeek activities hosted by their schools on social media utilizing hashtags #CompSciNJ and #CelebratingProgress.
- Registering and attending the webinar, [Computer Science Education in New Jersey: Celebrating Progress](#), on Monday, December 5, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The webinar will highlight progress made in Computer Science education and existing Computer Science education programs in New Jersey's schools.

For questions about CSEdWeek or Computer Science Education, contact ComputerScience@doe.nj.gov.

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