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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, Principals, Curriculum Supervisors, Teachers  
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## Action for Earth 2024 – Week 4: Nature and Wellness

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites New Jersey school districts to participate in the fourth weekly Action for Earth theme, "Nature & Wellness," in recognition of Earth Day 2024 from April 22-26.

As part of Earth Day 2024 celebrations, the NJDOE is inviting New Jersey school districts to participate in the Action for Earth campaign throughout the month of April. This celebration challenges New Jersey school districts to plan and share activities related to four themed weeks that engage students to be better stewards of their bodies, their communities, and their planet as they explore climate related challenges and solutions. The theme for this coming week is Nature & Wellness.

### Key steps/actions

School districts can plan and participate in activities, events, and lessons that explore the theme. Students and teachers are encouraged to utilize existing green spaces on their school grounds and in their community or create new ones to engage in activities that support positive mental and physical wellbeing and care for their local environment. Visit the Climate Change Education [Action for Earth webpage](#) for more information.

### Contact information

For questions about Action for Earth, Earth Day 2024, or Climate Change Education, please contact: [climateeducation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:climateeducation@doe.nj.gov).

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