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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 1: Energy

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites New Jersey school districts to participate in the first weekly Action for Earth theme, “Energy,” in recognition of Earth Day 2024 from April 1 through 5.

In recognition of Earth Day 2024, the NJDOE is inviting New Jersey school districts to participate in Action for Earth 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 the first week is “Energy.”

### Key steps/actions

School districts can plan and participate in lessons, activities, and/or events that explore the theme from April 1 through 5. Students and teachers are encouraged to investigate the sources of energy used in their schools and homes, learn more about renewable energy resources, conduct energy audits at home and at school, and consider best practices for conserving energy in each school building and at home. Visit the NJDOE’s [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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