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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 3: Waste

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites New Jersey school districts to participate in the third weekly Action for Earth theme, "Waste," in recognition of Earth Day 2024 from April 15-19.

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 Waste.

### Key steps/actions

School districts can plan and participate in lessons, activities, and/or events that explore the theme. Students and teachers are encouraged to explore how consumption and waste practices impact climate change, conduct waste audits to determine how their community, school, and homes handle waste, and determine and implement strategies for reducing waste. Visit the Climate Change Education [webpage for Action for Earth](#) 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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