



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Directors of Career and Technical Education, Perkins Program Directors  
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Deadline: November 19, 2024

## Power Your Future Challenge

The U.S. Department of Education has launched the [Power Your Future Challenge](#) — the second challenge in its annual [CTE Momentum](#) series to prepare high school students for rewarding careers and increase access to career and technical education. The Department invites teams to submit action plans that will advance the use of clean energy in local schools and communities.

To get started on the challenge, teachers and community partners can [explore the available resources](#) to learn more about clean energy and how teams can develop action plans to impact their communities. Potential entrants can also [preview the submission form](#). Submissions are due by November 19, 2024. Up to 10 winning teams will receive an equal share of the \$50,000 prize pool.

To learn more about the challenge, [watch the September 10 virtual information session](#) and [sign up to receive the latest challenge information](#) via email.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
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