Earth Week Educators' Virtual Action Guide - Share Widely

This April marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day – a day that initially saw 20 million Americans take to the streets to demand clean air and water and care for our planet. In the midst of the current public health crisis, we're taking our action online!

The MTA has endorsed action on Earth Day because part of preparing students for a future of possibilities is ensuring that the future planet they inhabit is livable.

The MTA Climate Action Network has been growing and includes MTA members in locals all across the state. We are calling on all MTA members and other educators to take action on climate change in the month of April. Below is a menu of possible actions you can take:

Sign the Educator's Climate Pledge of Support

Teach about protecting the Earth -Teach an age-appropriate remote lesson to your students in the month of April. Here are <u>lesson ideas ready to go</u>, complete with discussion or journal questions!

Attend a Virtual Earth Day Event – Join in a display of people power and solidarity.

April 18th – Earth Day Boston 2020 <u>recording of the livestream</u> (MTA President Merrie Najimy spoke at the 56 minute mark)

<u>April 22nd-24th</u> - Three days of inspiration and action - "Strike, Divest and Vote for our Future" - organized nationally by Strike With Us:

Post a <u>Climate Solidarity Statement</u> in your window or on social media - Send a message to your students and your community that you stand with youth in their aspirations to combat climate change.

Stay connected and help organize. Pass this along to other educators and encourage them to get on MTA CAN's mailing list by filling out the MTA <u>Educator's Climate Pledge of Support</u> Also, check out the new issue of *MTA Today* which will include a feature article about MTA CAN.

SAVE THE DATE - April 29, 3-4 PM - for an MTA CAN Zoom call - agenda to follow, but here's the link: https://uml.zoom.us/j/96279602339 or by phone 646 876 9923.