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### **Students to Help Envision Climate Action Now**

*Contest gives kids a chance to help draw up a solution to global warming with art*

SEATTLE – As part of the Seattle’s Climate Action Now campaign and the recently adopted Seattle School Board resolution to reduce greenhouse gasses, Mayor Greg Nickels and Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson are inviting students to put their art skills to use and help raise awareness of global warming at the same time.

A t-shirt design contest will challenge students to visualize what climate change means to them. Winning designs will be included in a 2008 Climate Action Now Calendar and one will be featured on t-shirts donated by Nordstrom. The contest is open to all students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

“This is a chance for young people – those who will undoubtedly be affected most by the issue of climate change – to start putting their talents to use now in taking action to stop global warming,” Nickels said. “We want to capitalize on their creativity; it’s art today, but it will be innovation tomorrow.”

Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson agreed, saying “This project is an excellent opportunity for students to translate their science knowledge into a visual design of environmental solutions.”

All t-shirt design contest submissions must reflect the theme, *what can you do everyday to be part of the solution to climate change?* Featured climate actions are walking, biking, using transit, carpooling, and conserving electricity and natural gas. The Seattle Climate Action Now website provides additional resources on these and other featured climate actions.

To enter the Seattle Public Schools Climate Action Now Contest, please call Nicole Riss, Seattle Public Schools, at (206) 252-0599 or visit [http://www.seattleschools.org/area/conservation/seattlecan\\_tshirt.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/conservation/seattlecan_tshirt.html). For more information on Seattle Climate Action Now, visit <http://seattlecan.org/>.

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