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Kerry to campaign in Seacoast

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DURHAM — Presidential candidate John Kerry will return to the Seacoast next week to tout his economic, environmental and education policies.

Kerry will kick off a new round of campaign visits to New Hampshire on Monday afternoon when he participates in an education forum at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

He is expected to answer questions from a panel and the audience at the event, which is hosted by the national education organization Every Child Matters. The forum will begin at 1 p.m. at Huddleston Hall.

Every Child Matters has been holding a series of forums at UNH with Democratic presidential candidates. It is part of the organization's activities in early primary states to ensure candidates thoroughly debate children's issues, according to the group's Web site.

The forums focus on a wide range of issues affecting children from early education and after-school programs to health care and child abuse. The audience will include UNH students and child advocates, according to Kerry's campaign office.

Following the forum, Kerry will give a speech on the

environment at 2 p.m. at UNH, although the exact location has not been chosen. The Massachusetts senator, known for his advocacy work on environmental issues and pushing for clean energy, will explain why he believes protecting the environment will help create jobs.

After canvassing through Salem and Manchester on Tuesday to talk about manufacturing jobs and the economy, Kerry will return to the Seacoast on Friday. Details of his Friday schedule have not been finalized.

Kerry is expected to travel through Whitefield and Hanover the next day.