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## Dear Potential Speaker,

As a response to the current global pandemic, an exceeding number of school districts and university campuses are exploring virtual options for the following school year. As students and leaders within our community, the HackIllinois team has realized the need for new tools to be able to continue education during a time of crisis.

HackThis is a fully virtual, week-long hackathon experience taking place on August 7th - 15th 2020. Throughout the week, our focus is to build an environment where students can develop solutions to enhance virtual learning on a global scale, while hearing from leaders in education, and attending workshops with access to mentors from different backgrounds. With an hour of your time and the plethora of resources available, attendees will be able to grow in unparalleled ways as they enact change within their larger student communities. We are presenting attendees with an opportunity to enact change within their larger student community, and we hope you will join us in helping them do so.

We would be honored to have your support as a speaker in our mission to inspire students to reimagine education for an increasingly virtual future. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of this incentive.

Best,  
The HackIllinois 2021 Family

## Our Hackathon Focus: Advancing Virtual Education

### Our Projects

#### Establishing Different Tracks for Different Students

- Start a new project from scratch
- Present a project that has developed in the past for the purpose of supporting education

### Our Resources

#### Supporting Attendee Learning

- Workshops to expand and strengthen attendee abilities
- Mentors from industry, education, and business to facilitate growth of a large variety of projects

### Our Experience

#### Enabling Holistic Student Growth

- Week-long event to enable user ready products and promote product longevity
- Panels to inspire and educate students
- Mini-events to build connections and encourage attendee interaction