Charlotte Community Partners:

Did you know that computing is the #1 source of wages in the U.S.? There are more than 500,000 computing jobs open nationwide, but last year only 42,969 computer science students graduated into the workforce.

Computer science is foundational for every industry today. Yet most schools don't teach it. In Project L.I.F.T, we are trying to spark innovation and excellence for each student.

That's why Project L.I.F.T. is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 5-11). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

I'm writing to invite you to take part in our Hack-a-Thon event and speak to our students. We want to ensure that our students are on the forefront of creating technology for the future—not just consuming it.

[Please sign up here](http://signup.com/go/rwRrgt) (http://signup.com/go/rwRrgt) if you are interested in speaking and Lindsey Sipe will match you with a Project L.I.F.T. school based on the time and day chosen. Please contact Lindseym.Sipe@cms.k12.nc.us with any questions you may have!

Thank you,

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