

*Sample Speaker Invitation to Present at Meeting*

Greetings Dr. Gilbert,

My name is Mike Hamilton, and I teach Introductory Psychology and Advanced Placement Psychology at Hopkinton High School in Massachusetts. I'm currently a board member for the Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS), a division of the American Psychological Association. Through my work with TOPSS we have identified a lack of opportunities for high school psychology teachers to get professional development that is specific to their subject.

To help fill that void, a group of teachers and I are working to create an organization of Massachusetts high school psychology teachers with the goal of establishing an annual meeting. These meetings would allow high school psychology teachers to hear about current research from university professors, share teaching ideas, explore new resources and develop a professional support system with other high school and college instructors. I am writing to ask if you would be willing to help us get off the ground by speaking at our first meeting in August. You would have between 60 and 90 minutes and could present on your current research or any other topic you would like. Because this is an inaugural meeting, we don't yet have a clear picture of how many high school teachers will be in attendance.

Our current plan is to host this inaugural regional psychology event at Hopkinton High School from about 9-3:30 on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. If you are interested and able to offer your expertise to us, we would be most grateful. Please respond as soon as you can to [mhamilton@hopkinton.k12.ma.us](mailto:mhamilton@hopkinton.k12.ma.us). We would be honored to have you.

Best,

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