# SEEKING

# SKEPTICS

When coming up with ideas and deciding on what solutions will work best, it is natural to surround oneself with others that see things the same way that we do.

Yet, doing so often leads to blind-spots and gaps in what is developed. In order to combat this, try having students seek out skeptics to the ideas that they have identified.

## DIRECTIONS:

Have students seek out skeptics to the ideas that they are considering.

One way to do this would be to send out a survey to individuals that are effected by the driving question asking them "On a scale from 1 to 4 (1 being the least confident and 4 being the most confident) how confident are you that the following solutions would address our proposed question?" After students have received responses, have students follow up with the respondents that are the most skeptical to see why, what the biggest issues with their ideas are, and if they have any suggestions for alternative ideas.

Another way to do this would be to have groups pitch the ideas they are considering to the rest of the class and have students from other groups volunteer to give the group feedback if they are "skeptical" of any of their ideas.

After receiving the skeptical feedback, have the students reflect on whether this has made them reconsider any of their ideas.