Future City Educator Update 4/19/2018

1) Carol and Becky’s email addresses are changing. As most of you know, IPFW will soon be Purdue Fort Wayne. As a result, all emails from me going forward have the pfw.edu extension on the end instead of ipfw.edu (see special note below).

2) The Indiana Future City website will also change at some point over the summer. In case you have the current URL as a favorite or bookmarked on your computers, you will need to change that once I notify you of the new web address.

3) TOPIC FOR 2018-2019: While I don’t have all the details, you may have heard that the topic for next year will focus on the resiliency of cities. If you just google the phrase “resilient cities” it will bring up many things about resilient urban planning. I believe the focus will be on the impact of natural disasters and how a city can plan for these situations, handle them, and rebound. The actual details of the theme will be announced in early summer so be looking for messages from National Future City. I think this will be an exciting topic!!

4) Mentors: Many of you did not have mentors this year. Mentors can make all the difference! Ask anyone with a consistent mentor and they will tell you how great they are to have on the project. We would like to start looking in advance for mentors to help our participating schools. We cannot guarantee to find each school on who is in need and we hope you will find mentors among your parents, school board, and community but we have had at least 2 people indicate an interest in mentoring for 2018-19. These are young, energetic individuals and I don’t want to lose their interest so assigning them a school in advance of next year may be important to them for planning purposes. Which brings me to....

5) Early registration for next year: I would like to ask as many of you as possible who plan to participate next year to register early as soon as possible on the National FC website. This will help us in assigning mentors who indicate interest.

6) Last but not least, we have been processing checks for anyone who submitted their paperwork for the Indiana Michigan Power Educator Participation Awards. To be clear; these have always been given per school; not per teacher. Each school is considered one official school registration even if two or more different teachers registered; National considers this a single school registration and that is why your schools are only charged $25 PER SCHOOL not per registered teacher. The following schools have not submitted any paperwork for receipt of their participation award: Lane, Kekionga, Memorial Park, and Woodside. This is a cash award!! Some teachers have already received it along with any engraved award plates that their school earned. Once a check comes in for a school, we mail it with their engraved plates. Get that paperwork in very soon as we are about to close the Future City budget for this year.

7) New series for school counselors, career educators or administrators (pass the word on or maybe attend yourself): Our dean will be hosting a series of 2 hour Career Resource Lunch and Learn sessions on Fridays over the next year to increase awareness, knowledge, and information about majors and careers particularly in the engineering, technology, computer science, and leadership fields of study. For the first one, his invitations primarily focused on high schools but he also welcomes any middle school counselors or administrators who may also have programs in career education. I know that some of you may have a person at your school interested in attending even if it is during the day. If so, please send them to our college home page below and look in the right column under ETCS News; click on the Career Lunch and Learn Series which will bring them to a location where they can read the description, download a flyer and register. These are free sessions. College of ETCS webpage:
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