Hello Past and Present Registered Future City Educators:

I hope your school year got off to a great start!

Thanks to those of you who have registered for Future City this year...and “welcome back” to all of you “veterans” already signed up!

We hope that many of you not yet registered are still considering participating and will submit your registration ASAP so you can be on the national email list for ongoing emails about the changes this year and resources that will be available including webinars.

There are some very important changes in the Future City requirements this year. I am hopeful you will like some of these changes even while I know that for those of you who have competed for many years, it will seem new and maybe strange.

IMPORTANT!!

There are changes with the SimCity judging and the item to be submitted. You will no longer submit an entire virtual city. Please DO NOT have students begin their cities until you check out the changes in the handbook. One important item you will need this year are screen shots of some of the SimCity virtual maps as the teams are working on their city and if they have already started before checking the new requirements, your students will miss a chance to get the screen shots needed for the new requirements.

All of the information you need to know is on the newly designed National Future City website in the handbook which you can download under “resources”. We will also give out copies at the Future City Educator Workshop and send by mail for those who cannot attend the workshop. Take some time to check it out before starting this year.

Project management has always been a special award in Indiana but now, more than ever, it is a part of Future City. There are specific steps for this component (ex. writing goals) that are a part of the competition required submission at the conclusion of the project this year. It should not be difficult or too demanding and will help your teams get organized and thinking about managing their projects with deadlines. Some of you are already doing this so it will not be new. Please read about it.

Finally, the essay and city narrative are now combined into one writing document! I think that is great news...only one formal, lengthy writing document to submit (maximum of 1500 words).

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Educator Workshop: Mark your calendars for the annual workshop at IPFW on:

September 16th, 2015
4:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Light dinner served
IPFW campus; new location: Engineering, Technology, Computer Science Building (ETCS) room 235

A flyer with registration link will be posted on the IPFW Future City website next week: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fcc

That’s all the news for now!

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