Hello Educators:

In this update:

1. Essay/City Narrative deadline extension: please read carefully!
Some of your teams have been meeting and working on the Future City project as usual; others are working despite the closed schools according to several teachers who have contacted me. Also, some schools are in session today. On the other hand, there are other closed schools with teachers who have contacted me because they have not seen their students since the holiday and need to meet with them before they submit anything.

To try to be as flexible as we can, we are extending the deadline for the essay and narrative to Monday. We ask that if you have been meeting and your team has essays and narratives completed, you will submit them ASAP. DO NOT WAIT until the deadline. We have about 14 judges waiting to evaluate the essays and narratives and they will all be rushed if everyone submits at the last minute even though your documents are ready to go. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted these documents!

If you are meeting on Monday with students, you can submit your documents all the way up to Monday night without a penalty. We will be assigning judges essays and narratives beginning on Monday and many will begin evaluating essays and narratives on Tuesday. I will be replying to some of you who have contacted me about your unusual situations and are waiting for a reply.

2. Event Day Details:

Please also go to our Indiana home page at www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fcc

You can find documents about the event day under Regional Competition. We will NOT be mailing them this year.

The teacher letter and information sheet will be posted shortly.

a) Pizza and Shirt Sizes for Team(s): Use the link provided on the website for selecting your pizza lunch order and submitting shirt sizes for your team(s). There is also an invoice posted for you to pay for any extra pizza that you are ordering.

b) Event Day Schedule: The schedule is posted without team names. Those will not be inserted until next week by Thursday.

c) Media Waiver: All team members must bring a signed IPFW media waiver for you to submit at check in on the day of the competition

d) Weather policy is posted for you to review

e) Educator/School Participation Award: Each school/teacher who attends the event will receive a participation award from Indiana Michigan Power for your participation after the competition is completed. The amount received is based on two criteria: number of students you are working with on the project and the number of years you have participated. You may choose to have the check written to the school in which case we need your school or school system’s current w-9 form. You may choose to have the check written to you, the teacher working with the program but in that case we DO NOT need the w-9 but we need you to complete a Payee Certification form that requires your social security number as it is submitted as a stipend to you. You have the option to select which method you would like us to follow for disbursement of the participation award after the conclusion of the competition. Both documents are on the website under Regional Competition.

f) Legal Name form: If your team wins the regional competition, we will need to submit the team’s legal names for the three presenters, an alternate, teacher, and mentor to National Future City on the day after our event. They arrange
travel and must have the legal names that will be used by the students or adults on travel identification (ID) for the trip to Washington, D.C. The names we submit must match the travel IDs. We ask all teams in advance to discuss the possibility of this trip with parents and the mentor so that you know who will be attending National Future City if you win. To expedite the procedure, we will use the legal name document you submit at check in on the day of the competition to submit the regional winners to National FC.

This is all the news for now!! Good luck everyone!
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