Update #1: Sept. 4, 2014

Hello Future City Educators (last year and this year):

I hope this email finds you all well with a great start to the school year!

Many of you have already registered for this year to participate in Future City. If so, welcome to new educators and welcome back to “veterans”.

I would like to invite those of you who have not registered yet to return to participate in the competition and to start the registration process by taking a few minutes to visit the National Future City website. You can use your log in with your password from last year. If you cannot recall your password, you can ask for a new password. If you have problems please let me know.

If you have registered, I have “enabled” you to ask for SimCity codes and to also complete your organization profile. I just learned this week that for SimCity, it is possible for multiple teams to use the same code associated with the same Origin account. I will send out any information on how to do this when I get the new directions from National Future City. Some of you may have already heard about this from them when you asked for codes.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIST ANY TEAMS UNTIL DECEMBER! THE DEADLINE FOR THAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

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Topic this year: Feeding our Future Cities!

This is a great year to explore innovative practices like all types of urban farming. Since we are in the Midwest with so many resources related to food, I am sure our essays will be just great! We hope to hold our usual Essay Help Session which is typically recorded and placed on a podcast for all to access. More on that later. National Future City also offers these resources throughout this semester and you will get messages from them.

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Educator Workshop: We will hold the annual Future City Educator Workshop on September 24, 2014

Where? Fort Wayne at IPFW (see my address below) in Walb Student Union (Room TBA).
For those of you who cannot attend due to distance, we will send you any printed or electronic materials useful as resources.

Workshop Registration Form: This will be posted on the Indiana Website next week. I will send out a note when it is posted.
Tentative Schedule:

4:30—5 p.m. Check-In & Light Supper; meet other educators

4:30—5:15 p.m. 2015 Competition Overview:
2015 competition deadlines and submission procedures, and scoring point values will be discussed

5:15—5:45 p.m. Session #1: Future City Best Practices

6—6:45 p.m. Session #2: SimCity Procedures, New Rubric

7—7:45 p.m. Session #3 Essay Speaker (TBA)

7:45—8 p.m. Wrap Up Evaluation & Door Prize Drawings

Future City Information/Orientation: Indianapolis

I will be holding an after school, hour long orientation and information session in Indianapolis. This is not the same as the workshop. It is shorter with less detailed information but will provide an opportunity to hear about this year’s program, network, ask questions and invite others who you know from a variety of schools and youth organizations who may be interested in the program.

If you live near/on Indy and cannot attend the workshop but would like to attend the Future City Information Session, let me know. Date and location to be announced soon.

This is all the news for now!
Thanks to all of you who offer Future City to students in your schools and youth in your organizations!

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