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FCC NTX Update: Introductory info, schedule overview

All:

Thanks for registering for the NTX Future City Competition.

As you are aware, there is a new online system in the works for this year. Until it is completed, I believe we are going to have to be patient and flexible. The educator portion seems to be moving faster than the regional coordinator portion, so please bear with me as I try to get everything in place and understand the capabilities.

GETTING STARTED ON FUTURE CITY – **If you read nothing else, please read the SCHEDULE section of this email (below).**

To help you get started:

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE NTX REGIONAL PROGRAM – information is attached. I've included an overview of the regional program, rules, and links for more information. Also a TIMELINE – but, more about the schedule below.
2. TEAM CENTER is the term we have been using in NTX for the website with all of the information for NTX FCC participants. Bookmark this page: <https://www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html>. Here you will find:
 - a. Entry into the online system. What they are now calling the Educator Dashboard.
 - b. NTX schedule (see below)
 - c. Rules and resources
 - d. List of registered groups
 - e. Copy of all email updates
3. MENTORS: If you need help finding a mentor, check out the list of suggestions https://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_menfind.html. If you've exhausted this list and still need help, contact me and we'll poll our network for volunteers.

SCHEDULE – IMPORTANT

The attached Intro information contains a timeline (in brief) with the deadlines for deliverables for the NTX competition. You can also find a detailed schedule on our NTX Team Center page: <https://www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html>.

All of the deliverables: Essay, Model Slideshow, Video Presentation, etc. have two dates: 1) The initial due date when the team can receive full credit for the deliverable. After this date, you can still submit the deliverable, but a late penalty (about 5 points) will be assessed. 2) The final (drop-dead) due date, after which the submissions are closed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: From what I can tell on the Educator Dashboard, the system is only allowing me to enter the "drop-dead" date into the online system. So, what you will see when you look on the dashboard is the last date by which you can submit the various deliverables. If you use that date for your submissions, you will be receiving penalty points for late work.

I will notify you via these FCC NTX update emails a several days in advance of the due date for each deliverable – both the initial due date and the final due date. So, keep an eye on these emails and consult the schedule on the NTX Team Center page.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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