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FCC Jr Update - Getting Started

All:

Registration closes at the end of the month and we have a record number of schools signed up already. You can find a list of them at:

NTX FC JUNIOR TEAM CENTER: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html.

On that website you will also find the Future City Junior Overview Description (you should also have received those in a previous email), the specific rules and rubrics for the Essay and Model, the schedule and resources for helping with the project.

FIRST STEP – NTX JUNIOR CMS

We have our own NTX Junior Competition Management System – the system that we have been using for several years. From this point forward, you will be using this site for creating and managing teams, uploading files and obtaining scores (after the competition). This is the system the judges will be using to score your submissions.

URL: <https://secure.dfwfuturecity.org/NorthTXJunior/Teacher>.

See the attached information on enrolling in the NTX CMS.

If you haven't already done so, log into the system and enter your teams. You will need to do this before you can submit any deliverables. Note: team names must be unique –you will get an error message if the team name has already been used.

Also, please make sure to include your mentors in the team information and/or ask them to enroll themselves in the system:

<https://secure.futurecity.org/NorthTXJunior/MentorBin/Mentor/Enroll>. We will add them to the distribution for information and updates.

EDUCATOR DASHBOARD – FOR RESOURCES ONLY

Most of you registered at <http://futurecity.org> and have an account on the Educator Dashboard. We will be using this site for resources only: background information, handbook download, student activities and forms. You do not need to create teams here and you should not be uploading files to this system –it will not accommodate the junior competition judging. NOTE – this is a separate system from the NTX CMS. You will not be able to access the CMS from the Educator Dashboard or the national (futurecity.org) site.

LETTER TO PARENTS –I have posted a letter for educators to print and send to parents of the student competitors explaining the FC Junior program and timeline. You can download it from the Junior Team Center Resources section.

DELIVERABLE #1: RESEARCH ESSAY – DUE 4 DECEMBER

Essay topic: Electrify Your Future. See the Junior Team Center

(www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of this deliverable and download

the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrEssayReq24.pdf>). Begin researching issues associated with having a 100% electrically powered city.

MODELS:

See the Junior Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_junior.html) for a description of the model deliverable and download the complete Rules and Rubrics (<http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/FCJrModelReq24.pdf>).

Get a head start on collecting your building materials – have students, parents and advisors collect recyclable items and interesting pieces for use in the model. You will want to have a good selection of various sized pieces to work with. Remember you have a maximum budget of \$50 – and you must account for the cost of all materials unless they are recyclable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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