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FCC NTX Update – First steps, Project Plan Parts 1, 2 due soon

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Registration is closed and, I'm pleased to say, we have not lost a step over the past two years. More than 60 schools and organizations have signed up to participate in the NTX Future City Competition. That makes NTX one of the largest and most competitive regions in the country.

So, let's get going ... if you haven't already – download the handbook from the Educator Dashboard (<https://dashboard.futurecity.org/>). Then get busy:

- Putting together your overall project goals and developing the schedule.
- Developing an initial city plan for your city.
- Starting your research for the essay problem.

THE PROJECT PLAN –THE FIRST STEP

The Project Management Plan is being submitted piece-by-piece this year. You can download Plan forms from the Educator Dashboard (<https://dashboard.futurecity.org/>) or use the blanks in the handbook.

- Part 1: Setting goals for your FC effort is **due 11 Nov.**
- Part 2: Developing a Schedule and assigning resources and tasks is **due 18 Nov.**

The other two pieces of the plan: 3. Checking in (due 12 Dec) and 4. Reflection (due 16 Jan). Your score on the Project Plan is based primarily on completeness and timely submission. Be sure to include examples of things like schedules where it asks for you to "show your style."

Submit the Project Plan to the NTX CMS

If you have not already done so, enroll in the NTX Competition Management System and create your teams. You will be uploading all your deliverables to this system. The Educator Dashboard will only be used for accessing resource information, activities and forms.

To Enroll - <https://secure.dfwfuturecity.org/NorthTX/Teacher>.

Use the link in the menu – upper left – to "enroll." Once you enroll, the system will send you a message with a temporary password. You should enroll as soon as possible – before the first deliverable is due – to make sure you have access and can enter your team information.

For references on planning, see our Team Center Resources page (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html). There is a webinar on Project Planning and links under "Where to Learn More" section. There are also some city planning exercises and tips on the Educator Dashboard).

CITY ESSAY –Due 2 Dec

Climate Change –resources:

- See the handbook for rules, suggested outline, topic overview and research ideas.
- Research ideas and references on Educator Dashboard

- Climate Change –theme webinar recording <https://youtu.be/MGwhajFy3nA>.
- Copies of past winning essays from NTX (http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html - "where to learn more")

OTHER REFERENCE MATERIAL, WEBINARS, AND VIDEOS

- Recorded webinars on most of the deliverables on NTX resources pages: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html. Managing projects, City planning, Model examples, and Presentation skills.
- Activities and background information on the Educator Dashboard

FINALLY –it's not too early to begin planning your model. Start collecting recyclables for building materials. Remember you have a maximum budget of \$100 –and you have to account for the cost of all materials unless they are recyclable. See the Expense Form for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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