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### **Great Plains Communications Awards Niobrara Public Schools a \$4,700 Grant to Purchase iPad Mini Packs to Help Progress Their “Project IF” Initiative**

May 5, 2015 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications presented Niobrara Public Schools with a \$4,700 grant in late April, 2015. The money will be used to purchase two 10-packs of 16GB iPad minis to help further along their ongoing goals of “Project IF.” Through this project, the school is working to find ways in which the students are able to learn by an “individual format” and receive “immediate feedback” on skills practice in mathematics and language arts. With the additional technological resources, all math and language teachers will be able to utilize the IXL software, delivering practice problems as well as immediate feedback.

This grant is part of the Great Plains Communications “Commitment to our Schools” program which provides nearly \$35,000 annually to schools and students in the form of grants and scholarships.

“Great Plains Communications is committed to the ongoing advancement of education in the communities we serve,” said Casey Garrigan, Marketing and Sales Relations Manager. “Investing in the education of young people is an investment in the futures of our communities. We are honored to give back in this way.”

#### **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately owned telecommunications company in Nebraska and is headquartered in Blair, Nebraska. At the core of their service offering is a 5,000 mile regional fiber network encompassing the state of Nebraska and extending into Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

They currently provide 90+ Nebraska communities with High-Speed Internet, High-Definition Cable Television, and Local and Long Distance Telephone services. Their business solutions range from traditional voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Ethernet solutions. The company also prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, and wireless carriers.

Great Plains Communications recently celebrated their 105-year anniversary, and are in their fourth generation of family ownership.

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