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Great Plains Communications Awards Spalding Academy School a \$5,000 Grant to Purchase Supplies for “STEM” Curriculum Enhancements.

May 12, 2015 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications presented Spalding Academy School with a \$5,000 grant in late April, 2015. The money will be used to purchase sensors, Chromebooks, usb links, software program site licenses and miscellaneous supplies for student training and challenges. The school is working to enrich the overall experience of integrating science and math with technology to enhance their “STEM” curriculum.

“STEM” stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. This education method integrates concepts that are usually taught as separate subjects in different classes, and emphasizes the application to real-life situations.

Amy McKay, Principal of Spalding Academy had this to say. “Spalding Academy is pleased to be selected as a recipient of a Great Plains Communications grant. This money will help our students take their ‘STEM’ curriculum to a whole new level. Thank you to Great Plains Communications for making education a priority.”

This award 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 honored to give back to the ongoing enhancement 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.”

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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