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## West Central Area Awarded Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop



**Photo:** Left to Right: Nels Onstad, WCA High School principal, Rod Amos, Prairie Lakes Coop Agronomy Consultant, Tim Harvey, Prairie Lakes Coop Producer Member Board Director

**Hoffman, Minn.** – West Central Area Schools has recently received a \$750 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Pride School Inspiration Grant program.

The School Inspiration Grant Committee selected Onstad’s application to receive \$750 towards the school’s objective of purchasing a SMART board. Currently only one room in the high school is equipped with SMART board technology. Use of this technology has been proven to increase student engagement while providing real-time feed back to educators to assess comprehension and customize lessons.

Onstad states in his application, “This grant would provide a tool to help teachers provide additional and essential learning means for our students. Furthermore,

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this technology will not only enhance the way a student will learn but also, how a teacher will teach. It will become a fundamental part of the teacher's daily plan.”

Applying schools have to indicate their plans for the School Inspiration grant money, supply general information about the school, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes.

“With the use of this updated technology there is a world of interactive education that can emerge,” says Tim Harvey Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded a \$750 grant to West Central Area Secondary School on behalf of local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop ([prairielakescoop.com](http://prairielakescoop.com)), a division of CHS, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, propane, fuel, and grain marketing.