

Technology a Priority at W-N R-IX!!

Thanks to our Board of Education, the Wellington-Napoleon School District will be dedicating \$100,000 over the next three years to some necessary technology improvements. It is important to give students the opportunity to utilize the technology that will allow them to be successful both now and as they transition to college or the work force. Additionally, these improvements will help the District operate in a more efficient manner.

Some of these exciting technology upgrades are already in motion. Thanks to the Zeysing Memorial Fund, we have made several upgrades in our media center. We have upgraded an existing computer lab, purchased computers, e-readers, projectors, whiteboards, and some computer tables to better serve our students.

The District has plans to upgrade staff computers, put in a new high school computer lab, upgrade infrastructure in order to make the entire campus wireless and increase bandwidth, and install a new phone and intercom system. Additionally, in conjunction with our Parent-Teacher Organization, new computers for the elementary lab will be purchased. The District also has acquired IPADS and Apple TV for several teachers for use as instructional tools. Finally, the District has applied for a grant for some additional technology upgrades. We hope to know in the near future if this grant has been awarded to us.

I have been as guilty as anyone when it comes to spending money on technology needs and improvements. However, the more I see and learn about how technology will help us be more efficient, improve instruction, and prepare kids for the future, the more I see the need to commit to improving our technology. I encourage you to come take a tour of our technological advances when we are all finished and see for yourself how these improvements will help us build the future...one tiger at a time!

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