

PLANNING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR STUDENTS

• *ESTELLINE UPDATES TECH FOR INTEGRATION IN ELEMENTARY*

The Estelline School District recently rolled out a plan to emphasize technology at the elementary school level, which district leaders hope will position students for a successful future.

“We have been a 1:1 high school for several years and we felt that it was time to make technology more accessible to all of our students, not just 7-12 students and teachers,” Estelline

“As a district, we felt that use of technology would increase exponentially with availability and we knew that we were a little behind in that regard,” Estelline School Board President Tianna Beare said.

“We look at this as a long-term investment for our community.”

The district is currently partnering with the Estelline



Superintendent Patrick Kraning said.

District teachers have completed several years of training on a variety of topics, but often ended up sharing equipment or labs, so utilizing capital outlay funds and federal and state grant dollars, the district purchased 95 tablets, 2 ActivPanel Touch display boards and updated district infrastructure for the additional technology integration into classrooms and daily use by elementary students.

Currently, Estelline has 1:1 computer access in grades 3-12 and iPad labs in grades K-2.

Alumni Organization to have the group “adopt” a classroom and contribute to on-going technology growth in the elementary.

“We have a very active alumni organization that has members who have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to scholarships and an athletic complex, so we are excited to see them get behind this type of project for future growth,” Beare said.

“We know that if we start with a solid base, it will grow into something special.”