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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Polar Communications Awards \$5,000 in Grants to Area Schools

**Park River, ND – January 23, 2009** – Polar Communications recently announced they have awarded 3 area schools a total of \$5,000 in Polar Technology Grants. Polar’s Technology Grant provides funding for K-12 schools enabling the purchase of hardware, software, contracted services and other technologies that target student achievement through technology integration. Applicants were required to submit their proposals including an overview of their project abstract, goals, narrative, and budget information. Accredited K-12 schools in Polar’s service territory were eligible to apply. Polar Communications awards up to \$5000 per year with each grant ranging from \$100-\$2500.

Schools winning the 2008-09 Polar Technology Grants were the following:

**Northern Cass School - \$2,500 – “Learning Science through Podcasting”**

**Park River School - \$1,250 – “ActiVotes”**

**Drayton School - \$1,250 – “Amplification of the Classroom”**

Polar is proud to invest in our schools and the community providing value for the future.



Left to Right - Polar Director Beverly Jensen presents grant to Drayton School Superintendent Hy Schlieve for their Amplification of the Classroom Project.



Left to Right - Park River Superintendent Kirk Ham, Polar Director Ike Meberg, Park River Elementary Principal Brenda Nilson, First Grade Instructor Sarah Thompson, and several Park River First Graders are excited about using their grant for ActiVotes.



Left to Right - Northern Cass “Learning Science through Podcasting” grant presentation includes Northern Cass Technology Coordinator Tim Keckler, Polar Director Greg Steffes, Northern Cass Superintendent Allan Burgad, and Northern Cass Secondary Science Teacher Tom Klapp.