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Yesterday, the North Boone School District received a \$10,000 grant from Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program at the NBHS Football game. The Monsanto Grant was developed to support rural schools after farmers told Monsanto that agriculture youth development is the most important area for the company to direct its support. The purpose of the program is to recognize the vital role that America's farmers play in supporting their youth and local school districts.

Steve Bingham, Greg Boeke, Kevin Faivre and David Myers representing Monsanto presented a \$10,000 check to Board President Don Ward and NBHS Assistant Principal Jake Hubert. Ed and Linda Mulholland, representing the eight local farmers who nominated North Boone to be able to apply for the grant. NBHS principal Chris Troller and district media specialist Jane Lenser wrote the successful grant proposal to provide additional technology for the NBHS science and agricultural programs.



Monsanto Representatives Presenting \$10K grant to North Boone

Over 6300 farmers participated in the program. They nominated 451 public school districts to compete for the grants. North Boone was one of the nine successful grant recipients in Illinois. North Boone is extremely grateful to both Monsanto and to the local farm families that nominated us to be able to apply for the grant. This is the type of support that schools need in these times in order to ensure access to up to date technologies and strong agricultural programs.

A district has to be nominated by its local farming community, then Monsanto gives schools the OK to apply for the grant through the Monsanto Fund. “Your community had to see the need to help your high school,” Principal Christine Troller said. “And they did.”

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the farm communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1800 students in pre- school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at www.nbcusd.org or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.

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