

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS,
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
AND SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2005

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIALS
June 30, 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Education		
(Before September, 2004 Election)		
Jim Pelzer	Board President	2006
David Timmerman	Board Member	2004
Nyle Paper	Board Member	2004
David Rixe	Board Member	2005
Art Ahrens	Board Member	2005
(After September, 2004 Election)		
Art Ahrens	Board President	2005
David Rixe	Board Member	2005
Jim Pelzer	Board Member	2006
Karen Rohlf	Board Member	2007
Nyle Paper	Board Member	2007
School Officials		
Tom Corrick	Superintendent	2005
Sue Hillmann	District Secretary	2005
Kay Burmeister	District Treasurer	2005
Brian Gruhn	Attorney	2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education
Bennett Community School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District, Bennett, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District officials. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinions.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated September 7, 2005 on my consideration of Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 13 and 37 through 39 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Bennett Community School District's basic financial statements. I previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2004 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 7, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Kay L. Chapman, CPA PC
September 7, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Bennett Community School District provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

2005 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues decreased from \$1,860,097 in fiscal 2004 to \$1,835,619 in fiscal 2005, and General Fund expenditures increased from \$1,899,227 in fiscal 2004 to \$1,963,896 in fiscal 2005. The District's General Fund balance decreased from \$660,426 in fiscal 2004 to \$532,149 in fiscal 2005, a 19% decrease.
- The decrease in General Fund revenues was attributable to decrease in state and federal grant revenue in fiscal 2005. The increase in expenditures was due primarily to an increase in the negotiated salary and benefits and restricted grant expenditures. One reason the General Fund balance decreased is because the negotiated salary and benefits settlement was greater than the District's increase in General Fund revenue for fiscal 2005. A drop in the certified enrollment from 232 in 2004, to 230 in 2005, and less dollars generated by allowable growth, accounted for a decrease in state revenue.
- Another reason for the increase in expenditures in the General Fund is due to the increase in open enrollment expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Bennett Community School District as a whole and present an overall view of the District's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report Bennett Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor Governmental Funds.

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

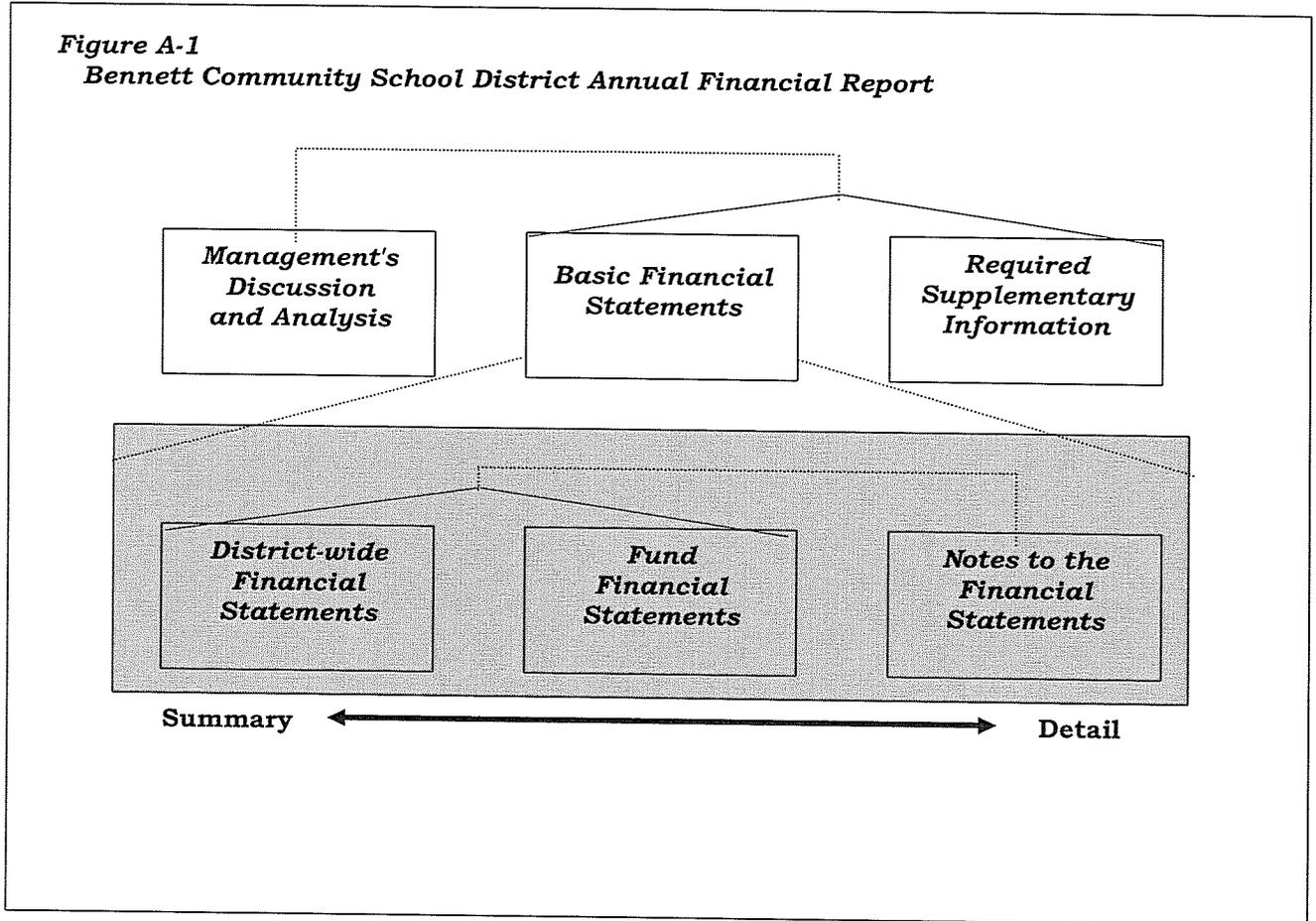


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-2 Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements				
	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the District operates similar to private businesses: food services and adult education	Instances in which the District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net assets • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net assets • Statement of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Assets includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets – the difference between the District's assets and liabilities – are one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, additional non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities, need to be considered.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

- *Governmental activities:* Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property tax and state aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business type activities:* The District charges fees to help cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's school nutrition program and rental programs are included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes, such as accounting for student activity funds, or to show that it is properly using certain revenues, such as federal grants.

The District has three kinds of funds:

- 1) *Governmental funds:* Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District's governmental funds include the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- 2) *Proprietary funds:* Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the government-wide financial statements. The District's Enterprise Funds, one type of proprietary fund, are the same as its business type activities, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The District currently has two Enterprise Funds, the School Nutrition Fund and Rental Fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and a statement of cash flows.

Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Figure A-3 below provides a summary of the District's net assets at June 30, 2005 compared to June 30, 2004.

Figure A-3
Condensed Statement of Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total School District		Total Change
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2004-2005
Current and other assets	\$ 1,996,685	\$ 2,100,793	\$ 17,724	\$ 18,459	\$ 2,014,409	\$ 2,119,252	-4.95%
Capital assets	<u>250,943</u>	<u>246,443</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>2,384</u>	<u>254,643</u>	<u>248,827</u>	2.34%
Total assets	<u>2,247,628</u>	<u>2,347,236</u>	<u>21,424</u>	<u>20,843</u>	<u>2,269,052</u>	<u>2,368,079</u>	-4.18%
Long-term obligations	310,000	340,000	-	-	310,000	340,000	-8.82%
Other liabilities	<u>1,044,100</u>	<u>1,107,144</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045,100</u>	<u>1,107,144</u>	-5.60%
Total liabilities	<u>1,354,100</u>	<u>1,447,144</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,355,100</u>	<u>1,447,144</u>	-6.36%
Net assets							
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	250,943	246,443	3,700	2,384	254,643	248,827	2.34%
Restricted	420,436	333,223	-	-	420,436	333,223	26.17%
Unrestricted	<u>222,149</u>	<u>320,426</u>	<u>16,724</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>238,873</u>	<u>338,885</u>	-29.51%
Total net assets	<u>\$ 893,528</u>	<u>\$ 900,092</u>	<u>\$ 20,424</u>	<u>\$ 20,843</u>	<u>\$ 913,952</u>	<u>\$ 920,935</u>	-0.76%

The District's combined net assets decreased by approximately 1%, or \$6,983, from the prior year. The largest portion of the District's net assets is the invested in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. The debt related to the investment in capital assets is liquidated with sources other than capital assets.

Restricted net assets represent resources that are subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. The District's restricted net assets increased \$87,213, or approximately 26% over the prior year. The increase was primarily a result of the purchase of a 2005 Suburban, and the purchase of building and grounds equipment in the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund.

Unrestricted net assets – the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements – decreased \$99,962, or approximately 30%. This reduction in unrestricted net assets was a result of the District using carryover fund balance to meet its financial obligations during the year.

Figure A-4 shows the change in net assets for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004.

Figure A-4

	Change in Net Assets					
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total District	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues						
Program revenues						
Charges for service and sales	\$ 141,548	\$ 146,071	\$ 60,517	\$ 62,889	\$ 202,065	\$ 208,960
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest	268,436	280,831	28,357	27,284	296,793	308,115
General revenues						
Property tax	1,176,943	1,128,645	-	-	1,176,943	1,128,645
Unrestricted state grants	603,591	589,751	-	-	603,591	589,751
Unrestricted investment earnings	11,295	10,746	71	79	11,366	10,825
Other	5,874	22,667	-	-	5,874	22,667
Proceeds from real estat sale	(2,882)	57,539	-	-	(2,882)	57,539
Transfer	(2,175)	1,123	2,175	-	-	1,123
Total revenues	<u>2,202,630</u>	<u>2,237,373</u>	<u>91,120</u>	<u>90,252</u>	<u>2,293,750</u>	<u>2,327,625</u>
Program expenses						
Governmental activities						
Instruction	1,509,236	1,488,782	-	-	1,509,236	1,488,782
Support services	584,012	624,418	-	-	584,012	624,418
Non-instructional programs	-	-	91,539	90,514	91,539	90,514
Other expenses	115,946	108,347	-	-	115,946	108,347
Total expenses	<u>2,209,194</u>	<u>2,221,547</u>	<u>91,539</u>	<u>90,514</u>	<u>2,300,733</u>	<u>2,312,061</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (6,564)</u>	<u>\$ 15,826</u>	<u>\$ (419)</u>	<u>\$ (262)</u>	<u>\$ (6,983)</u>	<u>\$ 15,564</u>

Property tax and unrestricted state grants account for 78% of the total revenue. The District's expenses primarily relate to instruction and support services, which account for 91% of the total expenses.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities were \$2,202,630 and expenses were \$2,209,194. In 2004, the district eliminated one vocational instructor and shared another with a neighboring district. In 2005, the district had two part-time vocational instructors in the building.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenses.

Figure A-5

Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities		
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
Instruction	\$ 1,509,236	\$ 1,169,761
Support services	584,012	581,830
Other expenses	<u>115,946</u>	<u>47,619</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,209,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,799,210</u>

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$141,548.
- Federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$268,436.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$1,176,943 in property and other taxes and \$603,591 in unrestricted state grants.

Business Type Activities

Revenues for business type activities were \$91,120 and expenses were \$91,539. The District's business type activities include the School Nutrition Fund and Rental Fund. Revenues of these activities were comprised of charges for service, federal and state reimbursements and investment income.

The small increase in revenues from 2005 was due to the large number of ala carte items it sold, but was not enough to enable the Nutrition Fund to end the year in the black, as the Nutrition Fund ended the year owing the General Fund \$1,011 for salaries and benefits.

INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS

As previously noted, Bennett Community School District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds, as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$953,297, slightly below last year's ending fund balances of \$994,435. The primary reason for the decrease in combined fund balances in fiscal 2005 is due to increased spending for salaries, a small increase in health insurance costs and an increase in open enrollment expenditures in the General Fund, along with numerous building and grounds purchases and a 2005 Suburban purchased from the Physical and Equipment Levy Fund.

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The District's deteriorating General Fund financial position is the result of many factors. Less state aid during the year, factored by declining enrollment, and increased spending for open enrollment students, resulted in a decrease in fund balance.

- The General Fund balance decreased from \$660,426 to \$532,149, due in part to the negotiated salary and benefits settlement, the prior year reduction in state aid and existing expenditure commitments of the District.
- The decrease in the major fund balances is due to several factors. In fiscal 2005, the district's health insurance cost rose 9%, the cost of substitute teachers was \$16,042 in fiscal 2005, open enrollment costs increased significantly, along with the increase in salaries. A new Suburban was purchased for special education and activity trips, along with some other major repairs to the school building and grounds.
- The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL) Fund balance increased from \$102,543 in fiscal 2004 to \$128,103 in fiscal 2005. A new Suburban was purchased for \$30,934, the playground was resealed, along with new playground equipment being purchased at a cost of \$3,775, along with other major repairs to the school building boilers being done, including pumping, cleaning, and refueling the tanks, and a new lawn mower was purchased at a cost of \$6,250, and a used copier was installed in one of the offices at a cost of \$3,351.
- The Capital Projects Fund balance increased from \$56,601 in 2004 to \$163,256 in 2005. The primary reason for this increase was that more Local Option Sales and Services Taxes were received than were expended during fiscal 2005.

Proprietary Fund Highlights

Enterprise Fund net assets decreased slightly from \$20,843 at June 30, 2004 to \$20,424 at June 30, 2005, representing a decrease of approximately 1%. The District did not increase the price for lunches or breakfasts in 2005. Due to a decline in enrollment, less students and faculty were eating the meals. The cost of food and salaries continued to rise.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's receipts were \$29,375 more than budgeted receipts, a variance of 1%. The most significant variance resulted from the District receiving less in state aid.

Total expenditures were less than budgeted, due primarily to the District's budget for the General Fund. It is the District's practice to budget expenditures at the maximum authorized spending authority for the General Fund. The District then manages or controls General Fund spending through its line-item budget. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed actual expenditures for the year.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2005, the District had invested \$254,643, net of accumulated depreciation, in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, athletic facilities, computers, audio-visual equipment and transportation equipment. (See Figure A-6) This represents a net increase of approximately 2% from last year. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements. Depreciation expense for the year was \$50,615.

The original cost of the District's capital assets was \$1,395,994. Governmental funds account for \$1,352,026, with the remainder of \$43,968 accounted for in the Proprietary, School Nutrition Fund.

There has been no significant change in the District's capital assets.

Figure A-6

	Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation						
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total School District		Total Change
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
Land	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,210	0.00%
Land improvements	17,200	17,200	-	-	17,200	17,200	0.00%
Buildings and improvements	61,971	63,761	-	-	61,971	63,761	-2.81%
Furniture and equipment	<u>169,562</u>	<u>163,272</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>2,384</u>	<u>173,262</u>	<u>165,656</u>	4.59%
Totals	<u>\$250,943</u>	<u>\$246,443</u>	<u>\$ 3,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,384</u>	<u>\$ 254,643</u>	<u>\$248,827</u>	2.34%

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2005, the District had \$310,000 in general obligation and debt outstanding. This represents a decrease of approximately 9% from last year. (See Figure A-7) Additional information about the District's long-term debt is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

Figure A-7

	Outstanding Long-term Obligations		
	Total School District		Total Change
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 310,000	\$ 340,000	-8.82%

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The District has experienced declining enrollment for the last eight of nine years. Projections are for it to continue to exist. Grades K-6 will be impacted by the continuing decline in enrollment.
- The District will have a three year whole grade sharing agreement with the Durant School District beginning 2005. Grades 7-12 will be serviced by the Durant School District. The transition will have an economical impact on the District, with payment of 81% to 83% of the cost per pupil for those three years. Also, the whole grade sharing agreement has initiated a significant number of students to open enroll to a district other than Durant.
- The District will be negotiating a one year contract with the Bennett Education Association for the 2006-07 school year. Health insurance premiums continue to increase, which plays a major role in staff salaries.
- Beginning in fiscal 2005, the superintendent's position became a reduced position; therefore, there will be a cost savings administratively.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Sue Hillmann, Board Secretary, Bennett Community School District, PO Box D, 300 Cedar Street, Bennett, Iowa, 52721.

Basic Financial Statements

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,030,325	\$ 16,713	\$ 1,047,038
Receivables			
Property tax		-	
Delinquent	15,820	-	15,820
Succeeding year	898,428	-	898,428
Accrued interest	555	-	555
Accounts receivable	100	-	100
Due from other governments	51,457	-	51,457
Inventories	-	1,011	1,011
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	250,943	3,700	254,643
Total assets	2,247,628	21,424	2,269,052
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	12,328	1,000	13,328
Salaries and benefits payable	132,632	-	132,632
Accrued interest payable	712	-	712
Deferred revenue - succeeding year property tax	898,428	-	898,428
Long-term liabilities			
Portion due within one year			
Bonds payable	30,000	-	30,000
Portion due after one year			
Bonds payable	280,000	-	280,000
Total liabilities	1,354,100	1,000	1,355,100
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	250,943	3,700	254,643
Restricted for			
Debt service	71,983	-	71,983
Capital projects	163,256	-	163,256
Management levy	50,544	-	50,544
Physical plant and equipment levy	128,103	-	128,103
Other special revenue purposes	6,550	-	6,550
Unrestricted	222,149	16,724	238,873
Total net assets	\$ 893,528	\$ 20,424	\$ 913,952

See notes to financial statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest</u>	<u>Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest</u>	<u>Governmental Business Type Activities Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities						
Instruction						
Regular instruction	\$ 1,073,827	\$ 46,108	\$ 158,383	\$ -	\$ (869,336)	\$ (869,336)
Special instruction	218,180	-	41,059	-	(177,121)	(177,121)
Other instruction	<u>217,229</u>	<u>93,400</u>	<u>525</u>	-	<u>(123,304)</u>	<u>(123,304)</u>
	<u>1,509,236</u>	<u>139,508</u>	<u>199,967</u>	-	<u>(1,169,761)</u>	<u>(1,169,761)</u>
Support services						
Student services	27,540	-	-	-	(27,540)	(27,540)
Instructional staff services	12,104	-	-	-	(12,104)	(12,104)
Administration services	323,714	-	-	-	(323,714)	(323,714)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	125,074	1,100	-	-	(123,974)	(123,974)
Transportation services	95,580	940	142	-	(94,498)	(94,498)
Central support services	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>584,012</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<u>142</u>	-	<u>(581,830)</u>	<u>(581,830)</u>
Other expenditures						
Facilities acquisition	25,426	-	-	-	(25,426)	(25,426)
Long-term debt interest	18,266	-	-	-	(18,266)	(18,266)
AEA flowthrough	68,327	-	68,327	-	-	-
Depreciation (unallocated) *	3,927	-	-	-	(3,927)	(3,927)
	<u>115,946</u>	-	<u>68,327</u>	-	<u>(47,619)</u>	<u>(47,619)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>2,209,194</u>	<u>141,548</u>	<u>268,436</u>	-	<u>(1,799,210)</u>	<u>(1,799,210)</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses for	Charges for Services	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
<u>Functions/Programs (continued)</u>							
Business type activities							
Non-instructional programs							
Nutrition services	\$ 90,930	\$ 58,117	\$ 28,357	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,456)	\$ (4,456)
Rental	609	2,400	-	-	-	1,791	1,791
Total business type activities	<u>91,539</u>	<u>60,517</u>	<u>28,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,665)</u>	<u>(2,665)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,300,733</u>	<u>\$ 202,065</u>	<u>\$ 296,793</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(1,799,210)</u>	<u>(2,665)</u>	<u>(1,801,875)</u>
<u>General Revenues</u>							
Property tax levied for							
General purposes					924,053	-	924,053
Debt service					47,896	-	47,896
Capital outlay					204,994	-	204,994
Unrestricted state grants					603,591	-	603,591
Unrestricted investment earnings					11,295	71	11,366
Other					5,874	-	5,874
Loss from disposal of capital assets					(2,882)	-	(2,882)
Transfers					(2,175)	2,175	-
Total general revenues					<u>1,792,646</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>1,794,892</u>
Change in net assets						(419)	(6,983)
Net assets, beginning of year						20,843	920,935
Net assets, end of year					<u>\$ 893,528</u>	<u>\$ 20,424</u>	<u>\$ 913,952</u>

* This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in the direct expenses of the various programs.

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

Exhibit C

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue Physical Plant and Equipment Levy</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 653,816	\$ 128,855	\$ 119,014	\$ 128,640	\$ 1,030,325
Receivables					
Property tax					
Delinquent	13,483	1,230	-	1,107	15,820
Succeeding year	797,823	75,605	-	25,000	898,428
Accounts receivable	100	-	-	-	100
Accrued interest	279	193	41	42	555
Due from other governments	7,256	-	44,201	-	51,457
Total assets and other debits	<u>\$ 1,472,757</u>	<u>\$ 205,883</u>	<u>\$ 163,256</u>	<u>\$ 154,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,685</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 10,153	\$ 2,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,328
Salaries and benefits payable	132,632	-	-	-	132,632
Deferred revenue					
Succeeding year property tax	797,823	75,605	-	25,000	898,428
Total liabilities	<u>940,608</u>	<u>77,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,043,388</u>
 Fund balances					
Reserved for					
Iowa Early Intervention program	19,145	-	-	-	19,145
Debt service	-	-	-	72,695	72,695
Unreserved, undesignated					
Special revenue	-	128,103	-	57,094	185,197
Other governmental	513,004	-	163,256	-	676,260
Total fund balances	<u>532,149</u>	<u>128,103</u>	<u>163,256</u>	<u>129,789</u>	<u>953,297</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,472,757</u>	<u>\$ 205,883</u>	<u>\$ 163,256</u>	<u>\$ 154,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,685</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

Exhibit D

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 953,297
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.	250,943
Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.	(712)
Long-term liabilities, including early retirement, bonds payable and notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.	<u>(310,000)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 893,528</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit E

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Physical Plant and Equipment Levy</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues						
Local sources						
Local tax	\$ 904,055	\$ 75,499	\$ 129,495	\$ 67,894	\$ 1,176,943	
Tuition	34,395	-	-	-	34,395	
Other	25,142	4,697	377	94,106	124,322	
State sources	795,556	-	-	-	795,556	
Federal sources	76,471	-	-	-	76,471	
Total revenues	<u>1,835,619</u>	<u>80,196</u>	<u>129,872</u>	<u>162,000</u>	<u>2,207,687</u>	
Expenditures						
Current						
Instruction						
Regular instruction	1,040,655	-	-	20,643	1,061,298	
Special instruction	218,180	-	-	-	218,180	
Other instruction	99,966	-	-	117,263	217,229	
Support services	1,358,801	-	-	137,906	1,496,707	
Student services	27,540	-	-	-	27,540	
Instructional staff services	12,104	-	-	-	12,104	
Administration services	316,096	-	-	7,618	323,714	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	109,954	9,716	-	-	7,939	127,609
Transportation services	71,074	30,935	-	-	5,273	107,282
Total expenditures	<u>536,768</u>	<u>40,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,830</u>	<u>598,249</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit E

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Special Revenue	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Expenditures (continued)					
Other expenditures					
Facilities acquisition	\$ -	\$ 11,810	\$ 23,217	\$ -	\$ 35,027
Long-term debt					
Principal	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	18,340	18,340
AEA flowthrough	68,327	-	-	-	68,327
	<u>68,327</u>	<u>11,810</u>	<u>23,217</u>	<u>48,340</u>	<u>151,694</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,963,896</u>	<u>52,461</u>	<u>23,217</u>	<u>207,076</u>	<u>2,246,650</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(128,277)	27,735	106,655	(45,076)	(38,963)
Other financing uses					
Operating transfers out	-	(2,175)	-	-	(2,175)
Net change in fund balances	(128,277)	25,560	106,655	(45,076)	(41,138)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>660,426</u>	<u>102,543</u>	<u>56,601</u>	<u>174,865</u>	<u>994,435</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 532,149</u>	<u>\$ 128,103</u>	<u>\$ 163,256</u>	<u>\$ 129,789</u>	<u>\$ 953,297</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balances-Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit F

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$(41,138)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities
 are different because:

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, those costs are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. The amounts of capital outlays and depreciation expense in the year are as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 57,138	
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(2,882)	
Depreciation expense	<u>(49,756)</u>	4,500

Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. 30,000

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when due. In the Statement of Activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. 74

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ (6,564)

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BENNETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2005

Exhibit G

	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 16,713
Inventories	1,011
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,700</u>
Total assets	<u>21,424</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>1,000</u>
 NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,700
Unreserved retained earnings	<u>16,724</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 20,424</u></u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit H

	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>
Operating revenue	
Local sources	
Charges for service	\$ 58,117
Rental	2,400
Total operating revenue	<u>60,517</u>
 Operating expenses	
Non-instructional programs	
Food service operation	
Salaries	33,638
Benefits	3,264
Purchased services	816
Supplies	52,353
Depreciation	859
	<u>90,930</u>
Rental operations	
Purchased services	558
Supplies	51
	<u>609</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>91,539</u>
 Operating loss	 <u>(31,022)</u>
 Non-operating revenue	
Interfund transfers	2,175
Interest income	71
State sources	1,270
Federal sources	27,087
Total non-operating revenue	<u>30,603</u>
 Change in net assets	 (419)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>20,843</u>
 Net assets, end of year	 <u>\$ 20,424</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit I

	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>
Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash received from sale of meals	\$ 58,117
Cash received from rental	2,400
Cash payments to employees for services	(36,902)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(47,719)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(24,104)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities	
State grants received	1,270
Federal grants received	22,431
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>23,701</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest on investments	<u>71</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(332)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>17,045</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u><u>\$ 16,713</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities	
Operating loss	\$(31,022)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities	
Commodities used	4,656
Depreciation	859
Decrease in inventories	403
Increase in accounts payable	1,000
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$(24,104)</u></u>

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the District received \$4,656 of federal commodities.

See notes to financial statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2005

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Bennett Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve. The geographic area served includes the City of Bennett, Iowa, and the agricultural territory in Cedar and Scott Counties. The District is governed by a Board of Education whose members are elected on a non-partisan basis.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Bennett Community School District has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The District has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that exclusion would cause the District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. The Bennett Community School District has no component units, which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Jointly Governed Organizations - The District participates in a jointly governed organization that provides services to the District but does not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The District is a member of the County Assessor's Conference Board.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for service.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the District's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other nonmajor governmental funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. All general tax revenues and other revenues that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, including instructional, support and other costs.

The Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for all financial transactions from the levy authorized, whether regular or voter-approved, by Iowa Code section 298.2. This fund is created to deposit and expend money from the PPEL levy. The purpose of the fund is to pay the costs of specified major expenditures related to real property and equipment.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources used in the acquisition and construction of capital facilities.

The District reports no major proprietary funds. However, it reports two nonmajor proprietary funds, the School Nutrition Fund, which is used to account for the food service operations of the District and the Rental Fund, which is used to account for the rental activities of the District.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments and early retirement are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then general revenues.

The proprietary funds of the District applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's Enterprise Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The District maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the District are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the balance sheet:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents - The cash balances of most District funds are pooled and invested. Investments are stated at fair value, except for the investment in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust, which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the day of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable - Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date that the tax asking is certified by the Board of Education. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current year and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Education to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the District is required to certify its budget in April of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds become due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½ % per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2003 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2004.

Due From Other Governments - Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories - Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method for purchased items and government commodities. Inventories of proprietary funds are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased or received.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land	\$2,500
Buildings	\$2,500
Improvements other than buildings	\$2,500
Furniture and equipment:	
School Nutrition Fund equipment	\$ 500
Other furniture and equipment	\$2,500

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	50 years
Improvements to buildings	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	4-12 years

Salaries and Benefits Payable - Payroll and related expenses for teachers with annual contracts corresponding to the current school year, which are payable in July and August, have been accrued as liabilities.

Early Retirement - District employees meeting certain requirements are eligible for early retirement benefits. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The early retirement liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2005. The early retirement liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily from the Management Fund.

Deferred Revenue - Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represents the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of property tax receivables not collected within sixty days after year end.

Deferred revenue on the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Long-term Liabilities - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Assets.

Fund Equity - In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

Restricted Net Assets - In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Designated Fund Balance - The District has designated a portion of its fund balance for specific programs.

E. Budgeting and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2005, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted nor did the District exceed its General Fund unspent authorized budget.

Note 2. Cash and Pooled Investments

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2005 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The District is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Education; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2005, the District had investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust as follows:

	Amortized Cost
Diversified Portfolio	<u>\$ 210,859</u>

The investments are valued at an amortized cost pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Investment rate risk. The District's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the District.

Credit risk. The investments in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust were rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service.

Note 3. Interfund Transfers

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2005 is as follows:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Amount</u>
School Nutrition	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	\$ 2,175

The transfer from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund to the School Nutrition Fund was to reimburse the School Nutrition Fund for a piece of equipment purchased from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenue.

Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Deletions	Balance, End of Year
<u>Governmental activities</u>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,210
Land improvement	17,200	-	-	17,200
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>19,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,410</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	732,502	-	-	732,502
Furniture and equipment	552,076	57,138	(9,100)	600,114
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,284,578</u>	<u>57,138</u>	<u>(9,100)</u>	<u>1,332,616</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	668,741	1,790	-	670,531
Furniture and equipment	388,804	47,966	(6,218)	430,552
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,057,545</u>	<u>49,756</u>	<u>(6,218)</u>	<u>1,101,083</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>227,033</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>(2,882)</u>	<u>231,533</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 246,443</u>	<u>\$ 7,382</u>	<u>\$(2,882)</u>	<u>\$ 250,943</u>
<u>Business type activities</u>				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 46,993	\$ 2,175	\$(5,200)	\$ 43,968
Less accumulated depreciation	44,609	859	(5,200)	40,268
Business type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,384</u>	<u>\$ 1,316</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,700</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities

Instruction	
Regular	\$ 26,106
Support services	
Operation and maintenance of plant	490
Transportation	19,233
Unallocated depreciation	<u>3,927</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 49,756</u>

Business type activities

Food services	<u>\$ 859</u>
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Note 5. Long-term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2005 are summarized as follows:

	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Reductions	Balance, End of Year	Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ (30,000)	\$ 310,000	\$(30,000)
Early retirement	-	18,015	(18,015)	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 340,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,015</u>	<u>\$ (48,015)</u>	<u>\$ 310,000</u>	<u>\$(30,000)</u>

Early Retirement

The District offers a voluntary early retirement plan to its employees, who meet certain eligibility guidelines. This voluntary early retirement plan is offered annually at the board's discretion. Eligible employees must have been at least age fifty-five and have completed fifteen years of consecutive service to the District. Employees must have completed an application, which was required to be approved by the Board of Education. The early retirement incentive is the amount representing \$100 per year of service for each year of continuous service at and above fifteen and \$10 per day for unused sick leave with a maximum of 120 days.

General Obligation Bonds Payable

Details of the District's June 30, 2005 general obligation bonded indebtedness are as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Bond issue of July 1, 1997</u>			
	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006	5.25	\$ 16,365	\$ 30,000	\$ 46,365
2007	5.25	14,790	35,000	49,790
2008	5.25	12,953	35,000	47,953
2009	5.25	11,115	40,000	51,115
2010	5.25	9,015	40,000	49,015
2011	5.25	6,915	40,000	46,915
2012	5.30	4,815	45,000	49,815
2013	5.40	<u>2,430</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>47,430</u>
Totals		<u>\$ 78,398</u>	<u>\$ 310,000</u>	<u>\$ 388,398</u>

Note 6. Pension and Retirement Benefits

The District contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The District's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$57,783, \$59,247 and \$60,939 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 7. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft; damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The District assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8. Area Education Agency

The District is required by the Code of Iowa to budget for its share of special education support, media, and educational services provided through the area education agency. The District's actual amount for this purpose totaled \$68,327 for the year ended June 30, 2005 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the cash basis financial statements.

Note 9. Whole-grade Sharing Agreement

In July 2005 the Bennett Community School District entered into a whole-grade sharing agreement with Durant Community School District whereby the District will send their students in grades 7-12 to Durant Community School District for instruction beginning in fiscal 2006. After June 30, 2005, the Bennett Community School District will no longer provide instruction within their district for middle school and high school students. Bennett Community School District will receive funding from the State of Iowa for these students, who will continue to be counted on the District's certified enrollment. In turn, the District will pay tuition for these students to Durant Community School District based upon the amount stated in the whole-grade sharing agreement.

Required Supplementary Information

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual (Cash Basis)
 All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Funds
 Required Supplementary Information
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Governmental	Proprietary	Total	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Actual Variance
	Funds Actual	Funds Actual	Actual	Original	Final	
Receipts						
Local sources	\$ 1,296,052	\$ 58,413	\$ 1,354,465	\$ 1,364,242	\$ 1,364,242	\$ (9,777)
State sources	797,873	1,270	799,143	789,393	789,393	9,750
Federal sources	77,663	22,431	100,094	70,692	70,692	29,402
Total receipts	<u>2,171,588</u>	<u>82,114</u>	<u>2,253,702</u>	<u>2,224,327</u>	<u>2,224,327</u>	<u>29,375</u>
Disbursements						
Instruction	1,507,498	-	1,507,498	1,660,800	1,660,800	153,302
Support services	600,078	-	600,078	517,995	717,995	117,917
Non-instructional programs	-	84,621	84,621	105,000	258,000	173,379
Other expenditures	149,520	-	149,520	297,745	297,745	148,225
Total disbursements	<u>2,257,096</u>	<u>84,621</u>	<u>2,341,717</u>	<u>2,581,540</u>	<u>2,934,540</u>	<u>592,823</u>
Deficiency of receipts under disbursements	(85,508)	(2,507)	(88,015)	(357,213)	(710,213)	622,198
Other financing sources, net	<u>(2,175)</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficiency of receipts and other financing sources under disbursements and other financing sources	(87,683)	(332)	(88,015)	(357,213)	(710,213)	622,198
Balance, beginning of year	<u>1,118,008</u>	<u>17,045</u>	<u>1,135,053</u>	<u>985,878</u>	<u>985,878</u>	<u>149,175</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,030,325</u>	<u>\$ 16,713</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,038</u>	<u>\$ 628,665</u>	<u>\$ 275,665</u>	<u>\$ 771,373</u>

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget to GAAP Reconciliation
 Required Supplementary Information
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Governmental Funds		
	Cash	Accrual	Modified
	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Basis</u>
Revenues	\$ 2,171,588	\$ 36,099	\$ 2,207,687
Expenditures	<u>2,257,096</u>	<u>(10,446)</u>	<u>2,246,650</u>
Net	(85,508)	46,545	(38,963)
Other financing sources	(2,175)	-	(2,175)
Beginning fund balances	<u>1,118,008</u>	<u>(123,573)</u>	<u>994,435</u>
Ending fund balances	<u>\$ 1,030,325</u>	<u>\$ (77,028)</u>	<u>\$ 953,297</u>

	Proprietary Funds		
	Enterprise		
	Cash	Accrual	Accrual
	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Basis</u>
Revenues	\$ 82,114	\$ 6,831	\$ 88,945
Expenditures	<u>84,621</u>	<u>6,918</u>	<u>91,539</u>
Net	(2,507)	(87)	(2,594)
Other financing uses	2,175	-	2,175
Beginning fund balances	<u>17,045</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>20,843</u>
Ending fund balances	<u>\$ 16,713</u>	<u>\$ 3,711</u>	<u>\$ 20,424</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Fund, Capital Projects Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on the cash basis. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund or fund type. These four functions are instruction, support services, non-instructional programs and other expenditures. Although the budget document presents function expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not by fund. The Code of Iowa also provides District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula. During the year, the District did not adopt any budget amendments.

During the year ended June 30, 2005, District disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted any of the four functional areas and General Fund disbursements did not exceed the unspent authorized budget.

Other Supplementary Information

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

Schedule 1

	Special Revenue			
	Management	Student Activity	Debt Service	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 50,217	\$ 6,550	\$ 71,873	\$ 128,640
Receivables				
Property tax				
Delinquent	327	-	780	1,107
Succeeding year	25,000	-	-	25,000
Interest	-	-	42	42
Total assets	\$ 75,544	\$ 6,550	\$ 72,695	\$ 154,789
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Deferred revenue				
Succeeding year property tax	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Fund equity				
Reserved for debt service	-	-	72,695	72,695
Unreserved fund balances	50,544	6,550	-	57,094
Total fund equity	50,544	6,550	72,695	129,789
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 75,544	\$ 6,550	\$ 72,695	\$ 154,789

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 2

	Special Revenue			
	Management	Student Activity	Debt Service	Total
Revenues				
Local sources				
Local taxes	\$ 19,998	\$ -	\$ 47,896	\$ 67,894
Other	107	93,515	484	94,106
Total revenues	20,105	93,515	48,380	162,000
Expenditures				
Current				
Instruction				
Regular instruction	20,643	-	-	20,643
Other instruction	-	117,263	-	117,263
Support services				
Administrative services	7,618	-	-	7,618
Operation and maintenance of plant services	7,939	-	-	7,939
Transportation services	5,273	-	-	5,273
Other expenditures				
Long-term debt				
Principal	-	-	30,000	30,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	18,340	18,340
Total expenditures	41,473	117,263	48,340	207,076
Net change in fund balances	(21,368)	(23,748)	40	(45,076)
Fund balances, beginning of year	71,912	30,298	72,655	174,865
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 50,544	\$ 6,550	\$ 72,695	\$ 129,789

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combining Statement of Net Assets
Nonmajor Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2005

Schedule 3

	Enterprise		
	School Nutrition	Rental	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 1,524	\$ 15,189	\$ 16,713
Inventories	1,011	-	1,011
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,700	-	3,700
Total assets	6,235	15,189	21,424
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	1,000	-	1,000
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,700	-	3,700
Unreserved	1,535	15,189	16,724
Total net assets	\$ 5,235	\$ 15,189	\$ 20,424

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Nonmajor Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 4

	Enterprise		
	School Nutrition	Rental	Total
Operating revenue			
Local sources			
Charges for service	\$ 58,117	\$ -	\$ 58,117
Rental	-	2,400	2,400
Total operating revenue	58,117	2,400	60,517
Operating expenses			
Non-instructional programs			
Salaries	33,638	-	33,638
Benefits	3,264	-	3,264
Purchased services	816	558	1,374
Supplies	52,353	51	52,404
Depreciation	859	-	859
Total operating expenses	90,930	609	91,539
Operating income (loss)	(32,813)	1,791	(31,022)
Non-operating revenue			
Interfund transfers	2,175	-	2,175
Interest income	-	71	71
State sources	1,270	-	1,270
Federal sources	27,087	-	27,087
Total non-operating revenue	30,532	71	30,603
Change in net assets	(2,281)	1,862	(419)
Net assets, beginning of year	7,516	13,327	20,843
Net assets, end of year	\$ 5,235	\$ 15,189	\$ 20,424

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
Nonmajor Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 5

	Enterprise		
	School		
	Nutrition	Rental	Total
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash received from sale of meals	\$ 58,117	\$ -	\$ 58,117
Cash received from rental	-	2,400	2,400
Cash payments to employees for services	(36,902)	-	(36,902)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(47,110)	(609)	(47,719)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(25,895)	1,791	(24,104)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities			
State grants received	1,270	-	1,270
Federal grants received	22,431	-	22,431
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	23,701	-	23,701
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest on investments	-	71	71
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,194)	1,862	(332)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,718	13,327	17,045
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,524	\$ 15,189	\$ 16,713
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by			
(used in) operating activities			
Operating income (loss)	\$(32,813)	\$ 1,791	\$(31,022)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Commodities used	4,656	-	4,656
Depreciation	859	-	859
Decrease in inventories	403	-	403
Increase in accounts payable	1,000	-	1,000
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$(25,895)	\$ 1,791	\$(24,104)

Non-cash investing, capital and financing activities:

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the District received \$4,656 of federal commodities.

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Changes in Special Revenue Fund, Student Activity Accounts
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 6

Account	Balance, Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance, End of Year
Athletics	\$ 9,159	\$ 19,576	\$ 29,119	\$ (384)
Dance/drill team	13	1,312	1,325	-
Cheerleading	79	716	795	-
Lock deposit	466	80	546	-
Towel fee	1,112	512	1,624	-
Yearbook	604	7,583	7,063	1,124
Band	916	1,563	1,995	484
Music - band	320	-	320	-
Vocal	443	3,230	3,133	540
Swimming	604	1,015	1,277	342
Class of 2005	827	809	1,636	-
Class of 2006	2,152	7,272	9,424	-
Class of 2007	2,532	180	1,185	1,527
Class of 2008	1,392	1,686	2,151	927
Class of 2009	5,503	27,144	32,647	-
Student council	361	3,504	3,485	380
Drama	1,324	2,864	2,966	1,222
Spanish	346	170	516	-
Science fair	235	437	672	-
Marketing	389	6,069	6,458	-
Post prom	1,111	4,444	5,555	-
Music supplies	3	399	116	286
Physical education	108		108	-
Paper supplies	137	100	237	-
Safety glasses	150		150	-
Interest	12	2,850	2,760	102
Totals	<u>\$ 30,298</u>	<u>\$ 93,515</u>	<u>\$ 117,263</u>	<u>\$ 6,550</u>

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BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function
All Governmental Funds
For the Last Four Years

Schedule 7

	Modified Accrual Basis			
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revenues				
Local sources				
Local tax	\$ 1,176,943	\$ 1,128,645	\$ 1,089,889	\$ 1,062,796
Tuition	34,395	22,785	47,525	30,634
Other	124,322	171,469	181,003	151,437
State sources	795,556	764,824	843,289	868,319
Federal sources	76,471	90,988	73,956	48,669
Total revenues	<u>\$ 2,207,687</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,235,662</u>	<u>\$ 2,161,855</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular instruction	1,061,298	1,030,869	1,049,874	941,556
Special instruction	218,180	225,327	170,176	157,272
Other instruction	217,229	211,075	180,141	154,885
Support services				
Student services	27,540	20,708	18,993	31,731
Instructional staff services	12,104	3,967	17,298	9,049
Administration services	323,714	297,488	258,250	245,119
Operation and maintenance of plant services	127,609	171,709	148,872	115,567
Transportation services	107,282	92,746	61,760	70,808
Central support services	-	12,171	688	-
Other expenditures				
Facilities acquisition	35,027	25,672	91,632	87,817
Long-term debt				
Principal	30,000	108,221	41,144	35,664
Interest and other charges	18,340	23,433	25,411	27,204
AEA flowthrough	68,327	69,596	75,763	76,325
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,246,650</u>	<u>\$ 2,292,982</u>	<u>\$ 2,140,002</u>	<u>\$ 1,952,997</u>

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Education
Bennett Community School District

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bennett Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued my report thereon dated September 7, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Bennett Community School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, I believe item (A) Segregation of Duties, is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bennett Community School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, I noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2005 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during my audit of the financial statements of the District. Since my audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the Bennett Community School District and other parties to whom the District may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by the personnel of the Bennett Community School District during the course of my audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



Kay L. Chapman, CPA PC
September 7, 2005

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Part I. Findings Related to the Financial Statements

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

No matters were noted.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

- (A) Segregation of Duties - The limited number of accounting personnel makes it difficult to achieve adequate internal accounting control through the segregation of duties and responsibilities, such as recording and processing cash receipts, preparing checks and bank reconciliations, preparation of journals and general financial information for ledger posting, and the analysis of financial information. A small staff makes it difficult to establish an ideal system of automatic internal checks on accounting record accuracy and reliability. This is not an unusual condition but it is important the District officials are aware that the condition exists.

Recommendation - I realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the District should review the operating procedures of the District to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will review our procedures and implement changes to improve internal control, as we deem necessary.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- (B) Signature Cards - I noted that the bank signature cards contained the signature of the previous Board President and had not been updated after the last board election.

Recommendation - The District should ensure that all bank signature cards are changed after a change in authorized personnel or board members.

Response - We thought that the bank signature cards had been changed to reflect the change in authorized signatures after the board election. We will have the bank send copies of the signature cards after any necessary changes, in the future, to ensure that the cards have been properly updated.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

- (C) Use of District's Federal Identification Number - It was noted during the audit that the District's federal identification number is being used by various organizations on bank accounts and for purchasing purposes.

Recommendation - The District should contact these organizations and inform them that they are not allowed to use the District's federal ID number. The District's federal ID number should only be used by District organizations for which the District is accountable.

Response – We will investigate the situation and work on resolving it.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

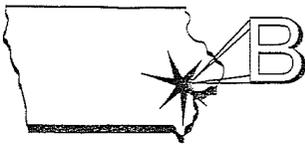
Part II. Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

1. Official Depositories - A resolution naming official depositories has been approved by the Board. The maximum deposit amounts stated in the resolution were not exceeded during the year ended June 30, 2005.
2. Certified Budget - Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2005 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
3. Questionable Disbursements - I noted no disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
4. Travel Expense - No expenditures of District money for travel expenses of spouses of District officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to District officials or employees were noted.
5. Business Transactions - No business transactions between the District and District officials or employees were noted.
6. Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of District officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
7. Board Minutes - I noted no transactions requiring Board approval which had not been approved by the Board.
8. Certified Enrollment - No variances in the basic enrollment data certified to the Iowa Department of Education were noted.
9. Deposits and Investments - I noted no instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the District's investment policy.
10. Certified Annual Reports - The Certified Annual Report was filed with the Department of Education timely and I noted no significant deficiencies in the amounts reported.

BENNETT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Audit Staff
June 30, 2005

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE:

Kay L. Chapman, CPA PC of Muscatine, Iowa today released an audit report on the Bennett Community School District in Bennett, Iowa.

The District's revenues totaled \$2,293,750 for the year ended June 30, 2005, a 1 percent decrease from the prior year. Revenues included \$1,176,943 in local tax, charges for service of \$202,065, operating grants, contributions and restricted interest of \$296,793, unrestricted state grants of \$603,591, unrestricted interest of \$11,366 and other general revenues of \$2,992.

Expenses for District operations totaled \$2,300,733, a .5 percent decrease from the prior year. Expenses included \$1,509,236 for instruction, \$584,012 for support services, \$91,539 for non-instructional programs and \$115,946 for other expenses.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of State and the District Secretary's office.