

**ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

JUNE 30, 2008

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ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Education		
(Before September, 2007 Election)		
Rod Foster	President	2008
Marti Kindrick	Vice President	2008
Jay Grabinoski		2007
Paul Stevens		2009
Betsey Ulrich		2009

(After September, 2007 Election)

Rod Foster	President	2008
Marti Kindrick	Vice President	2008
Betsey Ulrich		2009
Paul Stevens		2009
Howard Taylor		2011

School Officials

Randy Collins	Superintendent
Deb Obbink	District Secretary/ Treasurer

BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Education of
Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District, Armstrong, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of District officials. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our 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 we 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. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our 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 and each major fund of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District at June 30, 2008, 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, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2009 on our consideration of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our 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 our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 12 and 31 through 32 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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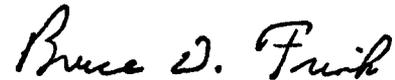
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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report the financial statements for the two years ended June 30, 2007 and expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. The financial statements for the two years ended June 30, 2005 (none of which are presented herein) were audited by other auditors who expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 3, 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 our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

March 25, 2009

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Armstrong-Ringsted 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, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund revenues increased from \$3,349,845 in fiscal year 2007 to \$3,623,171 in fiscal year 2008, while General Fund expenditures increased from \$3,578,926 in fiscal year 2007 to \$3,593,410 in fiscal year 2008. The District's General Fund balance increased from \$242,307 in fiscal year 2007 to \$272,068 in fiscal year 2008, a 12% increase.
- Local tax (property and income surtax) revenues increased by over \$236,000; accounting for the majority of increase in revenues. Expenditures were virtually the same as the prior year. The District closely monitors staffing requirements and discretionary spending.
- Resident enrollments decreased by 12.7 resident students, 15.7 students less were actually attending classes in the district. The District has 18 more students open enrolled in than open enrolled out.
- The District's solvency ratio was 8% at the end of fiscal year 2008. The solvency ratio is indicative of the District's ability to meet its financial obligations. Recommended solvency ratio is commonly around 10%.
- The District's Capital Projects Fund increased by over \$75,000 this year.

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 Armstrong-Ringsted 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 Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of the District.

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-1
Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District Annual Financial Report

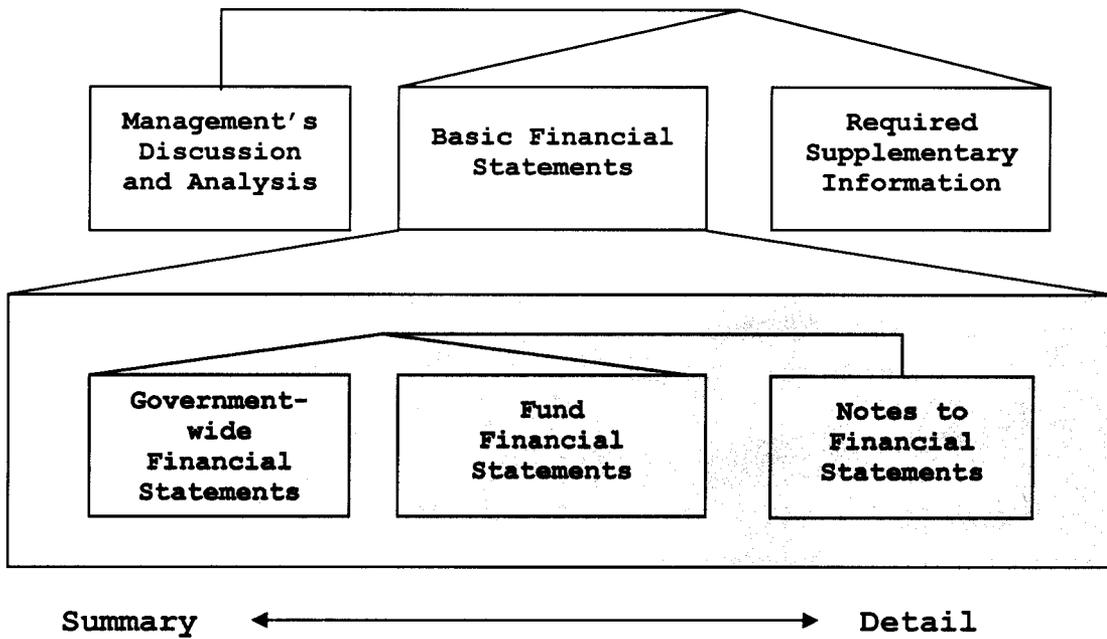


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Figure A-2
Major Features of the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Fund	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.	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 is 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 much cash and other financial assets 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 and the 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 one Enterprise Fund, the School Nutrition Fund.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a Statement of Net Assets, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, Changes in Net Assets and a Statement of Cash Flows.

3) *Fiduciary funds*: The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others. These funds include Private-Purpose Trust Funds.

- Agency Funds - The District holds money for outside groups in a custodial capacity.

The District is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in the fiduciary funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

The required financial statements for fiduciary funds include a statement of fiduciary net assets and a statement of changes in fiduciary net assets.

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 for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to June 30, 2007.

Figure A-3							
Condensed Statement of Net Assets							
(Expressed in Thousands)							
	Governmental Activities		Business type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08
Current assets	\$ 2,856	2,800	31	33	2,887	2,833	1.91%
Capital assets	<u>3,756</u>	<u>3,826</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>-1.85%</u>
Total assets	<u>6,612</u>	<u>6,626</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>6,664</u>	<u>-0.26%</u>
Current liabilities	1,741	1,773	-	-	1,741	1,773	-1.80%
Non-current liabilities	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,353</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,094</u>	<u>3,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,094</u>	<u>3,184</u>	<u>-2.83%</u>
Net Assets							
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,431	2,436	4	5	2,435	2,441	-0.25%
Restricted	673	592	-	-	673	592	13.68%
Unrestricted	<u>414</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>-0.45%</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,518</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>3,553</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>2.10%</u>

Unrestricted net assets held steady due to increased local tax revenues as well as cost containment measures. Restricted assets grew due to a \$78,000 increase in the Capital Projects Fund.

Changes in net assets - figure A-4 shows the changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Figure A-4
Changes in Net Assets
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities		Business type Activities		Total School District		Total Change
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for service and sales	\$ 243	230	83	75	326	305	6.89%
Operating grants, contributions and restricted interest	677	607	88	86	765	693	10.39%
General revenues:							
Property tax	1,671	1,452	-	-	1,671	1,452	15.08%
Income surtax	142	177	-	-	142	177	-19.77%
Local option sales tax	200	203	-	-	200	203	-1.48%
Unrestricted state grants	1,207	1,216	-	-	1,207	1,216	-0.74%
Unrestricted investment earnings	13	24	-	-	13	24	-45.83%
Other	173	153	-	-	173	153	13.07%
Total revenues	4,326	4,062	171	161	4,497	4,223	6.49%
Program expenses:							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction	2,577	2,570	-	-	2,577	2,570	0.27%
Support Services	1,243	1,091	-	-	1,243	1,091	13.93%
Non-instructional programs	-	-	178	163	178	163	9.20%
Other expenses	429	500	-	-	429	500	-14.20%
Total expenses	4,249	4,161	178	163	4,427	4,324	2.38%
Change in net assets	\$ 77	(99)	(7)	(2)	70	(101)	230.69%

Property tax and unrestricted state grants account for 64% of the total revenue. The District's expenses primarily related to instruction and support services, which account for 86% of the total expenses.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for governmental activities were \$4,062,525 and expenses were \$4,161,357.

The following table presents the total and net cost of the District's major governmental activities: instruction, support services and other expenses, for the year ended June 30, 2008 compared to the year ended June 30, 2007.

Figure A-5
Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Total Cost of Services			Net Cost of Services		
	2008	2007	Change 2007-08	2008	2007	Change 2007-08
Instruction	\$ 2,577	2,570	0.27%	1,799	1,874	-4.00%
Support Services	1,243	1,091	13.93%	1,229	1,075	14.33%
Other expenses	<u>429</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-14.20%</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>-19.73%</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,249</u>	<u>4,161</u>	<u>2.11%</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>3,324</u>	<u>0.15%</u>

- The cost financed by users of the District's programs was \$230,328.
- Federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions totaling \$353,459.
- The net cost of governmental activities was financed with \$1,670,546 in property tax, \$1,206,910 in state foundation aid, and \$13,268 in interest income.

Proprietary-Type Funds

Revenues for the District's School Nutrition Fund were \$171,079 and expenses were \$177,671. The revenues include charges for services, contributions, and federal and state reimbursements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The Armstrong-Ringsted 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 the District completed the fiscal year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,004,798, which is 12% greater than last year's ending fund balance of \$898,333.

Governmental Fund Highlights

- The District has an 8% solvency ratio.
- The General Fund grew due to increased local taxes and cost containment measures.
- The school infrastructure sales are collected in all counties. This will aid the school in future infrastructure projects. The Capital Projects Fund grew by over \$76,000.

Proprietary Fund Highlights

School Nutrition Fund net assets decreased by almost \$7,000 in fiscal year 2008.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Education annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing for all funds. Although the budget document presents functional area expenditures or expenses by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated functional level, not at the fund or fund type level. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

It is the District's practice, as is in most Iowa school district, to budget expenditures at or about the maximum authorized spending. As a result, the District's certified budget should always exceed the actual expenditures for the year. In 2008, the total budget amount was not exceeded, however expenditures exceed the amounts budgeted in two functions.

Actual revenues were greater than budgeted amounts in the local tax and miscellaneous revenues.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The District has invested more than \$3.7 million, net of accumulated depreciation, by the end of fiscal year 2008 in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, athletic facilities, kitchen, computers and audio-visual equipment, maintenance equipment, school buses and other vehicles, library holdings, and textbooks. The District made improvements and updated equipment at all facilities during the year. Total depreciation expenses for the year exceeded \$190,000.

Figure A-6
Condensed Statement of Net Assets
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007-08
Land	\$ 20	20	-	-	20	20	0.00%
Site improvements	100	106	-	-	100	106	-5.66%
Buildings	3,275	3,331	-	-	3,275	3,331	-1.68%
Furniture and equipment	361	369	4	5	365	374	-2.41%
Totals	<u>\$ 3,756</u>	<u>3,826</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,760</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>-1.85%</u>

Long-Term Debt

The District has the following outstanding debt. Early retirement is granted on a year by year basis. General obligation bonds will fully mature in 2022.

Figure A-7
Outstanding Long-Term Obligations
(Expressed in Thousands)

	Total District		Total Change
	June 30,		June 30,
	2008	2007	2007-08
Early retirement	\$ 28	21	100.00%
General obligation bonds	<u>1,325</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>-4.68%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,353</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>-4.11%</u>

ECONOMIC FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

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

- The District will need to monitor payroll expenses as they account for the vast majority of the budget.
- Alternative sources must be found due to funding inconsistencies on the parts of the federal and state governments.
- Enrollment increases and decreases will play a large part in determining the District's finances on an year to year basis. The legislature needs to ensure adequate allowable growth to properly fund education.
- Sharing students and/or programs continues to be looked into.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our 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 Deb Obbink, District Business Manager, Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District, PO Box 75, Armstrong, IA 50514-0075.

Basic Financial Statements

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

	Business Type Activities		Total
	Governmental Activities	School Nutrition	
Assets			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 1,034,931	15,277	1,050,208
Receivables:			
Property tax:			
Current year	21,888	-	21,888
Succeeding year	1,641,242	-	1,641,242
Income surtax - succeeding year	114,053	-	114,053
Due from other governments	39,896	-	39,896
Other receivables	3,806	239	4,045
Inventories	-	11,798	11,798
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	3,756,456	3,781	3,760,237
Total assets	<u>6,612,272</u>	<u>31,095</u>	<u>6,643,367</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	95,723	24	95,747
Accrued interest payable	4,648	-	4,648
Deferred revenue:			
Succeeding year property tax	1,641,242	-	1,641,242
Long-term liabilities:			
Early retirement - current portion	17,500	-	17,500
General obligation bonds payable - current portion	70,000	-	70,000
Early retirement - long term	10,000	-	10,000
General obligation bonds payable - long-term	1,255,000	-	1,255,000
Total liabilities	<u>3,094,113</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1,741,637</u>
Net assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,431,456	3,781	2,435,237
Restricted for:			
Management levy	165,155	-	165,155
Physical plant and equipment levy	345,677	-	345,677
Capital projects	155,908	-	155,908
Debt service	6,108	-	6,108
Unrestricted	413,855	27,290	441,145
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,518,159</u>	<u>31,071</u>	<u>3,549,230</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:						
Instruction:	\$ 2,576,959	243,263	535,084	(1,798,612)	-	(1,798,612)
Support services:						
Student services	154,489	-	-	(154,489)	-	(154,489)
Instructional staff services	92,379	-	-	(92,379)	-	(92,379)
Administration services	420,329	-	-	(420,329)	-	(420,329)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	384,579	-	14,044	(370,535)	-	(370,535)
Transportation services	191,223	-	-	(191,223)	-	(191,223)
	<u>1,242,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,044</u>	<u>(1,228,955)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,228,955)</u>
Other expenditures:						
AEA flowthrough	123,971	-	123,971	-	-	-
Long term debt interest	57,560	-	936	(56,624)	-	(56,624)
Long term debt services	150	-	-	(150)	-	(150)
Facilities acquisition and construction	54,894	-	2,755	(52,139)	-	(52,139)
Depreciation (unallocated)*	192,102	-	-	(192,102)	-	(192,102)
	<u>428,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,662</u>	<u>(301,015)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(301,015)</u>
Total governmental activities	4,248,635	243,263	676,790	(3,328,582)	-	(3,328,582)

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2008

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C)		\$ 1,004,798
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:		
Income surtax receivable at June 30, 2008 is not recognized as income until received in the governmental funds, however it is shown as a receivable in the Statement of Net Assets.		114,053
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not assets in the governmental funds.		3,756,456
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.		(4,648)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Early retirement payable	\$ (27,500)	
General obligation bonds payable	<u>(1,325,000)</u>	<u>(1,352,500)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 3,518,159</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Year ended June 30, 2008

	General	Student Activity	Management Levy	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Total
Revenues:							
Local sources:							
Local tax	\$ 1,509,641	-	67,868	127,827	199,943	125,293	2,030,572
Tuition	243,263	-	-	-	-	-	243,263
Other	185,927	181,625	-	14,044	2,755	936	385,287
State sources	1,593,625	-	-	-	-	-	1,593,625
Federal sources	90,715	-	-	-	-	-	90,715
Total revenues	<u>3,623,171</u>	<u>181,625</u>	<u>67,868</u>	<u>141,871</u>	<u>202,698</u>	<u>126,229</u>	<u>4,343,462</u>
Expenditures:							
Current:							
Instruction:	<u>2,383,576</u>	<u>186,504</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>2,570,080</u>
Support services:							
Student services	154,489	-	-	-	-	-	154,489
Instructional staff services	92,379	-	-	-	-	-	92,379
Administration services	336,973	-	83,356	-	-	-	420,329
Operation and maintenance of plant services	310,799	-	-	125,757	-	-	436,556
Transportation services	<u>191,223</u>	-	-	-	-	-	<u>191,223</u>
	<u>1,085,863</u>	-	<u>83,356</u>	<u>125,757</u>	-	-	<u>1,294,976</u>

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt

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

Year ended June 30, 2008

	General	Student Activity	Management Levy	Physical Plant and Equipment Levy	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Total
Other expenditures:							
AEA flowthrough	\$ 123,971	-	-	-	-	-	123,971
Long term debt principal	-	-	-	-	-	65,000	65,000
Long term debt interest	-	-	-	-	-	57,722	57,722
Long term debt services	-	-	-	-	-	150	150
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-	125,098	-	125,098
	<u>123,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,098</u>	<u>122,872</u>	<u>371,941</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,593,410</u>	<u>186,504</u>	<u>83,356</u>	<u>125,757</u>	<u>125,098</u>	<u>122,872</u>	<u>4,236,997</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>29,761</u>	<u>(4,879)</u>	<u>(15,488)</u>	<u>16,114</u>	<u>77,600</u>	<u>3,357</u>	<u>106,465</u>
Fund balances beginning of year	<u>242,307</u>	<u>64,761</u>	<u>180,643</u>	<u>329,563</u>	<u>78,308</u>	<u>2,751</u>	<u>898,333</u>
Fund balances end of year	<u>\$ 272,068</u>	<u>59,882</u>	<u>165,155</u>	<u>345,677</u>	<u>155,908</u>	<u>6,108</u>	<u>1,004,798</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit E) \$ 106,465

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of
Activities are different because:**

Income surtaxes not collected for several months after the District's
fiscal year ends are not considered "available" revenues in the
governmental funds and are included as deferred revenues. They are,
however, recorded as revenues in the statement of activities (18,200)

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 depreciation expense in the year are as follows:

Capital outlays	\$ 122,181	
Depreciation expense	<u>(192,102)</u>	(69,921)

Early retirement expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do
not require the use current financial resources and, therefore, are
not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Additions	(17,217)	
Payments	<u>10,338</u>	(6,879)

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. 162

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 and does not affect the Statement of Activities. 65,000

Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B) \$ 76,627

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>School Nutrition</u>
Operating revenue:	
Local sources:	
Charges for services	\$ 82,928
Operating expenses:	
Non-instructional programs:	
Food service operations:	
Salaries	75,142
Benefits	8,368
Supplies	93,281
Depreciation	880
Total operating expenses	<u>177,671</u>
Operating (loss)	<u>(94,743)</u>
Non-operating revenues:	
State sources	2,306
Federal sources	85,242
Interest income	603
	<u>88,151</u>
Changes in net assets	(6,592)
Net assets beginning of year	<u>37,663</u>
Net assets end of year	<u>\$ 31,071</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund

Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>School Nutrition</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from sale of lunches and breakfasts	\$ 91,263
Cash payments to employees for services	(83,510)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods or services	<u>(81,437)</u>
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(73,684)</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
State grants received	2,306
Federal grants received	<u>72,840</u>
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>75,146</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>603</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,065
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	<u>13,212</u>
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	<u>\$ 15,277</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating (loss)	\$ (94,743)
Adjustments to reconcile operating profit (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation	880
Commodities used	12,402
Decrease in other receivables	8,335
(Increase) in inventory	<u>(558)</u>
	<u>\$ (73,684)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 72,174
Liabilities	
Other payables	<u>72,174</u>
Net Assets	
Reserved for special purposes	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2008

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates public schools for children in grades kindergarten through twelve. Additionally, the District either operates or sponsors summer recreational activities. The geographic area served includes the Cities of Armstrong and Ringsted, Iowa, and agricultural area in Palo Alto, Emmett and Kossuth 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, Armstrong-Ringsted 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. Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria. However, the District has chosen to include as Agency Funds, all of the organizations included in Schedule 4 (except Flex 125 Plan). The Flex 125 Plan was previously included in the District's financial statements.

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 Palo Alto, Kossuth and Emmett County Assessor Conference Boards.

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 attributable 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 not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources that are 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 that are 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 that are 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.

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 receipts 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 and Equipment Levy is used to account for the purchase of equipment and the repairing, remodeling and construction of buildings and land improvements.

The Management Levy Fund is utilized for the payment of insurance, unemployment and early retirement benefits.

The Student Activity Fund is used to account for extra curricular activities conducted on behalf of the students.

The Debt Service Fund is utilized to account for the payment of interest and principal on the District's general long-term debt.

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

The District reports the following major proprietary fund:

The District's proprietary fund is the Enterprise, School Nutrition Fund. This fund is used to account for the food service operations of the District.

The District also reports fiduciary funds which focus on net assets and changes in net assets. the District's fiduciary funds include the following:

The Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the District as an agent for individuals, private organizations and other governments. The Agency Fund is custodial in nature, assets equal liabilities, and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary 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 compensated absences 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 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 fund 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 Balance

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Investments and Cash Equivalents - The cash balances of most District funds are invested. Investments are stated at fair value except for 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, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable - Property tax in governmental funds are 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 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 become effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year 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, 2006 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified to the County Board of Supervisors in April 2007.

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 for 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 repair 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	\$ 2,000
Buildings	10,000
Improvements other than buildings	10,000
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>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20 years
Furniture and equipment	5-15 years

Deferred Revenue - Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collectible 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 represent 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 unspent grant proceeds as well as property tax receivables and other 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.

Compensated Absences - District employees accumulated a limited amount of earned but unused vacation for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees that have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability is deemed to be immaterial at June 30, 2008.

Fund Balance - 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.

E. Budgeting and Budgetary Control

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, expenditures in the instruction and other expenditures functions exceeded the amounts budgeted.

(2) **Cash and Investments**

The District's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008 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.

The District had no investments at June 30, 2008.

(3) **Capital Assets**

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 20,000	-	-	20,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Site improvements	111,695	-	-	111,695
Buildings	5,831,787	70,204	-	5,901,991
Furniture and equipment	780,345	51,977	-	832,322
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>6,723,827</u>	<u>122,181</u>	-	<u>6,846,008</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Site improvements	6,048	5,585	-	11,633
Buildings	2,500,955	126,426	-	2,627,381
Furniture and equipment	410,447	60,091	-	470,538
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,917,450</u>	<u>192,102</u>	-	<u>3,109,552</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>3,806,377</u>	<u>(69,921)</u>	-	<u>3,736,456</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,826,377</u>	<u>(69,921)</u>	-	<u>3,756,456</u>

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Business type activities:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 10,560	-	-	10,560
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>5,899</u>	<u>880</u>	-	<u>6,779</u>
Business type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,661</u>	<u>(880)</u>	-	<u>3,781</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:

Unallocated

\$ 192,102

Business Type activities:

Food service operations

\$ 880

(4) 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, PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual salary and the District is required to contribute 6.05% of annual covered payroll for the year ended June 30, 2008. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The District's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$136,827, \$123,160, and \$117,295 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(5) 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 \$123,971 for the year ended June 30, 2008 and is recorded in the General Fund by making a memorandum adjusting entry to the financial statements.

(6) Risk Management

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School 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. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds	Early Retirement	Total
Balance beginning of year	\$1,390,000	20,621	1,410,621
Additions	-	17,217	17,217
Reductions	<u>65,000</u>	<u>10,338</u>	<u>75,338</u>
Balance end of year	<u>\$1,325,000</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>1,352,500</u>

General Obligation Bonds

Details of the District's June 30, 2008 general obligation bonded indebtedness are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	3.00%	\$ 55,773	70,000	125,773
2010	3.30	53,673	70,000	123,673
2011	3.50	51,362	75,000	126,362
2012	3.70	48,737	80,000	128,737
2013	3.90	45,777	80,000	125,777
2014	4.00	42,658	85,000	127,658
2015	4.10	39,258	90,000	129,258
2016	4.25	35,567	95,000	130,567
2017	4.40	31,530	100,000	131,530
2018	4.50	27,130	105,000	132,130
2019	4.60	22,405	110,000	132,405
2020	4.70	17,345	115,000	132,345
2021	4.75	11,940	120,000	131,940
2022	4.90	6,240	130,000	136,240
Total		<u>\$489,395</u>	<u>1,325,000</u>	<u>1,814,395</u>

Early retirement was offered to employees who attained the age of 55 and had completed ten years of contracted service with the District. A cash option not to exceed to \$15,000 or 50% of the employee's 2007-08 salary was offered. An insurance option not to exceed \$18,600 or 50% of the employee's 2007-08 salary was offered. A combination of cash and insurance was also offered with the same limits as the insurance option. There is no guarantee that the benefit will be offered in future years.

Required Supplementary Information

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Balances -
Budget and Actual - All Governmental Funds and Proprietary Fund

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types Actual	Proprietary Fund Type Actual	Total Actual	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Actual Variance
				Original	Final	
Revenues:						
Local sources	\$ 2,659,122	83,531	2,742,653	2,461,121	2,461,121	281,532
State sources	1,593,625	2,306	1,595,931	1,643,626	1,643,626	(47,695)
Federal sources	90,715	85,242	175,957	200,000	200,000	(24,043)
Total revenues	<u>4,343,462</u>	<u>171,079</u>	<u>4,514,541</u>	<u>4,304,747</u>	<u>4,304,747</u>	<u>209,794</u>
Expenditures:						
Instruction	2,570,080	-	2,570,080	2,475,431	2,475,431	(94,649)
Support services	1,294,976	-	1,294,976	1,675,030	1,675,030	380,054
Non-instructional programs	-	177,671	177,671	190,000	190,000	12,329
Other expenditures	371,941	-	371,941	254,041	254,041	(117,900)
Total expenditures	<u>4,236,997</u>	<u>177,671</u>	<u>4,414,668</u>	<u>4,594,502</u>	<u>4,594,502</u>	<u>179,834</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	106,465	(6,592)	99,873	(289,755)	(289,755)	389,628
Other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	170,000	170,000	(170,000)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	106,465	(6,592)	99,873	(119,755)	(119,755)	219,628
Balance beginning of year	898,333	37,663	935,996	662,223	662,223	273,773
Balance end of year	<u>\$ 1,004,798</u>	<u>31,071</u>	<u>1,035,869</u>	<u>542,468</u>	<u>542,468</u>	<u>493,401</u>

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ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Budgetary Reporting

Year ended June 30, 2008

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General 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, except Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The District's budget is prepared on a GAAP basis.

Formal and legal budgetary control for the certified budget is based upon four major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. 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 that District expenditures in the General Fund may not exceed the amount authorized by the school finance formula.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, expenditures in the instruction and other expenditures functions exceeded the amounts budgeted. The District did not exceed the General Fund unspent authorized budget.

Other Supplementary Information

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Changes in Special Revenue, Student Activity Accounts

Year ended June 30, 2008

Account	Balance Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Balance End of Year
Foreign Language Club	\$ 2,396	-	-	2,396
Interest	6,597	1,612	6,527	1,682
Student Council - High School	114	877	1,126	(135)
Class of 2011	307	2,621	2,086	842
Class of 2010	570	14,010	5,990	8,590
Class of 2009	4,062	5,491	6,464	3,089
Class of 2008	5,758	23,878	26,554	3,082
Class of 2007	3,680	-	3,730	(50)
Class of 2006	2,432	-	2,432	-
Athletics	(2,195)	84,422	75,497	6,730
Art Club	274	-	-	274
Drama Club	(1,464)	640	(271)	(553)
Jr/Sr High - Student Needs	4,187	16,439	15,803	4,823
Vocal	5,746	4,321	4,756	5,311
Music Fund Raising	896	-	-	896
Instrumental	2,510	1,179	677	3,012
Honor Society	459	1,200	1,112	547
Petty Cash	240	-	14	226
Community Recreation	3,458	-	3,458	-
Library Book Fair	764	4,813	4,540	1,037
Title I Book Fair	-	35	-	35
Elementary - Student Needs	12,516	14,942	16,191	11,267
Middle School - Student Council	1,620	-	699	921
FCCLA	2,237	1,826	3,180	883
FFA	1,261	-	1,261	-
Drill Team	(68)	68	-	-
Cheerleaders	(77)	77	-	-
Technology Funds (POP)	6,481	3,174	4,678	4,977
Totals	\$ 64,761	181,625	186,504	59,882

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ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Fund

Year ended June 30, 2008

Account	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Deductions	Balance End of Year
Flex 125 Plan	\$ 8,951	33,445	31,117	11,279
Music Boosters	37,537	20,358	11,654	46,241
Athletic Boosters	5,583	22,932	17,128	11,387
Post Prom	2,388	5,846	5,963	2,271
PTC	614	-	614	-
A/R Helps	965	31	-	996
	<u>\$ 56,038</u>	<u>82,612</u>	<u>66,476</u>	<u>72,174</u>

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ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Revenues by Source and Expenditures by Function
All Governmental Funds

For the Last Five Years

	Modified Accrual Basis				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Revenues:					
Local sources:					
Local tax	\$ 2,030,572	1,795,260	2,098,077	2,168,354	2,426,377
Tuition	243,263	230,328	224,679	225,388	233,868
Other	385,287	330,536	268,605	221,619	188,582
State sources	1,593,625	1,555,247	1,260,638	1,962,192	2,063,897
Federal sources	90,715	114,380	251,576	129,948	182,217
Total	<u>\$ 4,343,462</u>	<u>4,025,751</u>	<u>4,103,575</u>	<u>4,707,501</u>	<u>5,094,940</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction:	\$ 2,570,080	2,626,052	2,321,291	2,187,923	2,033,816
Support services:					
Student services	154,489	59,250	49,275	50,953	31,275
Instructional staff services	92,379	78,654	63,851	57,982	43,488
Administration services	420,329	415,980	421,238	408,665	413,858
Operation and maintenance of plant	436,556	399,193	280,037	244,612	14,143
Transportation services	191,223	184,899	195,960	144,750	125,612
Non-instructional programs:					
Food service operations	-	-	-	779	1,039
Other expenditures:					
Facilities acquisition and construction	125,098	312,616	434,042	2,560,698	3,504,035
Long-term debt:					
Principal	65,000	60,000	55,000	35,000	25,000
Interest	57,722	59,523	61,772	78,178	84,346
Services	150	450	350	350	350
AEA Flowthrough	123,971	122,539	112,875	112,778	112,096
Total	<u>\$ 4,236,997</u>	<u>4,319,156</u>	<u>3,995,691</u>	<u>5,882,668</u>	<u>6,389,057</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

**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**

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To the Board of Education of
Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated March, 25, 2009. We conducted our 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 our audit, we considered Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency as well as a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control. We consider the deficiency in internal control described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the significant deficiency described above, item 08-I-A, is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

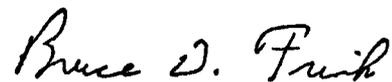
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could 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 our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we 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, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the District. Since our 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.

Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the District's responses, we did not audit Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District and other parties to whom Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



BRUCE D. FRINK
Certified Public Accountant

March 25, 2009

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2008

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were reported.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

08-I-A Segregation of Duties - During our review of the internal control structure, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the District's financial statements. We noted that one individual has custody of receipts and performs all record-keeping and reconciling functions for the office.

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

Response - We will review procedures and investigate available alternatives.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

08-II-A Official Depositories - Official depositories have been approved by the District. The maximum deposit amounts approved were not exceeded during the year ended June 30, 2008.

08-II-B Certified Budget - Expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2008, exceeded the certified budget amounts in the instruction and other expenditures functions.

Recommendation - The certified budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 24.9 of the Code of Iowa before expenditures were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response - Future budgets will be amended in sufficient amounts to ensure the certified budget is not exceeded.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

08-II-C Questionable Expenditures - No expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.

08-II-D 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.

08-II-E Business Transactions - No business transactions between the District and District officials or employees were noted.

ARMSTRONG-RINGSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2008

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

(continued):

08-II-F 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.

08-II-G Board Minutes - No transactions requiring Board approval which had not been approved by the Board were noted.

08-II-H Deposits and Investments - 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 were noted.

08-II-I Certified Annual Report - The Certified Annual Report was filed with the Department of Education timely and we noted no significant deficiencies in the amounts reported.

08-IV-J Certified Enrollment - The number of basic resident students reported to the Iowa Department of Education on line 12A of the Certified Enrollment Certification Form for October 2007 was understated. This resulted in understating the total actual enrollment at line 12A by 3.69 students.

Recommendation - The District should contact the Iowa Department of Education and the Department of Management to resolve this matter.

Response - We will contact the Iowa Department of Education and the Department of Management to resolve this matter.

Conclusion - Response accepted.