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College Community Schools serve the communities of Swisher, Ely, Fairfax and Walford, significant rural areas of Linn and Johnson counties, and a small portion of Benton County. With headquarters in Cedar Rapids, the District maintains a 94 acre central campus that includes a high school, middle school and four elementary schools. The district also supports Prairie Edge School for behaviorally challenged K-12 students and an alternative high school program. College Community Schools can be reached by calling (319) 848-5200 or logging onto PrairiePride.org.

Transportation facilities are provided by U.S. Interstate 380, U.S. Highway 151 and 30, and Iowa Highway 13. U.S. Interstate 80 is located approximately 20 miles south of the District. Rail service is provided to the metropolitan area by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad and the Iowa Northern Railroad. Commercial airline service is provided by the Eastern Iowa Airport. Utilities providing service for the district include: Mid-America Energy, Linn County REC, Alliant Energy and South Slope Telephone Company.

Continuing educational opportunities within the metropolitan area include Kirkwood Community College, Coe College, and Mount Mercy College. Continuing educational opportunities within commuting distance include the University of Iowa in Iowa City and Cornell College in Mount Vernon.

District Facilities

Presented below is a recap of the existing facilities of the District

Building	Construction Date	Grades
High School	1955 , 1957, 1963 , 1989, 1990, 2000, 2001	10-12
Prairie Point	2009	7-9
Creek Intermediate	1959,1960,1962,1987, 1998	5-6
Crest Elementary	1965, 1969, 1997	K-4
Heights Elementary	1954,1961,1995, 2002	K-4
Ridge Elementary	2003	K-4
View Elementary	1969,1995, 2002	K-4
Prairie Edge		K-8
Prairie Alternative HS		9-12

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General Fund

The District is organized and operates pursuant to Chapter 273 of the Code. The District maintains a general fund, schoolhouse fund and a school nutrition fund.

The General Fund receives those revenues of the District not specifically required to be deposited in other funds. General Fund revenues are obtained from ad-valorem taxation in the District, State foundation aid payments, State phase I, II and III payments, and minimal federal sources. In addition, revenues generated as miscellaneous revenues including, but not limited to, general fund investment income, tuition income and revenues from ticket sales are deposited in the general fund. The bulk of the general fund revenues are derived from local and State foundation aid sources. Phase I, II and III payments are specifically tied to expenditures made as incentives to District staff members as a part of the "Excellence in Education Act of 1987." Generally, Phase expenditures are made on a "when available" basis.

The District receives a mix of property tax and State foundation aid based on a formula which takes into account District enrollment, District property valuations and District costs per pupil. The description of the formula is found in Chapter 257.1 of the Code and reads as follows:

"For a budget year, each school district in the State is entitled to receive foundation aid in an amount per pupil equal to the difference between the amount per pupil of foundation properly tax in the district, and the combined district cost per pupil, whichever is less."

The Code allows for an "Allowable growth," defined as ". . . the amount by which State cost per pupil and district cost per pupil will increase from one budget year to the next" which is calculated on or before September 15 of each year by the department of management of the State.

Presented below is the allowable growth the District has received (in total dollars) for the period indicated:

Fiscal Year	Allowable Growth
2005	\$1,359,622
2004	\$835,362
2003	\$1,356,730
2002	\$1,090,680
2001	\$745,919
2000	\$949,120
1999	\$741,581
1998	\$521,926
1997	\$776,395
1996	\$682,067
1995	\$433,018
1994	\$493,524

The District's per pupil cost for selected years are:

Fiscal Year	District Per Pupil Cost	State Average Per Pupil Cost
2005	\$4,741	\$4,741
2004	\$4,648	\$4,648
2003	\$4,557	\$4,557
2002	\$4,512	\$4,512
2001	\$4,388	\$4,388
2000	\$4,171	\$4,171
1999	\$4,013	\$4,013
1998	\$3,877	\$3,877
1997	\$3,746	\$3,746
1996	\$3,626	\$3,626
1995	\$3,503	\$3,503

The District has generated a revenue mix in the operating fund as follows:

Fiscal Year	Property Tax Revenues	State Aid Revenues
2005	\$11,726,352	\$11,739,915

2004	\$10,326,410	\$10,474,874
2003	\$9,623,714	\$9,541,158
2002	\$8,966,988	\$8,061,736
2001	\$8,563,520	\$7,121,190
2000	\$8,206,951	\$6,787,416
1999	\$7,619,771	\$5,976,403
1998	\$7,080,416	\$3,681,173
1997	\$6,559,773	\$5,648,323
1996	\$6,146,074	\$4,731,142
1995	\$6,238,146	\$4,181,328

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The Schoolhouse Fund

Physical Plant & Equipment Levy

The District can, at Board discretion, annually levy on ad valorem tax of \$.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for certain capital, land costs etc. In addition, upon voter approval, the District can institute a property tax or property tax income surtax that generates \$.67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The District has historically levied the Board discretionary and voter authorized Physical Plant And Equipment Levy

Debt Service Levy

The debt service levy is an ad valorem tax levied for the payment of bonds and interest and is approved at a special election of the District with minimum of 60% in favor of the proposal. Payment of principal and interest on these School Bonds of the District will be paid from a debt-service levy.

Educational Attainment of Faculty

The District maintains an emphasis on retaining well-trained, experienced staff. The following table documents the higher level of learning achieved by the Faculty of the District:

BA	69	MA	81
BA+12	37	MA+15	14
BA+24	56	MA+30	15
		MA+45	24

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Enrollment

Certified enrollment in the District in September of the past school years has been as follows:

School Year	Enrollment
2004-05	3,525
2003-04	3,380
2002-03	3,268
2001-02	3,155

2000-01	3,114
1999-00	2,988
1998-99	2,929
1997-98	2,808
1996-97	2,780
1995-96	2,738
1994-95	2,615
1993-94	2,512
1992-93	2,456
1991-92	2,360
1990-91	2,333
1989-90	2,359
1988-89	2,400
1987-88	2,379
1986-87	2,384

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Open Enrollment

College Community has increasingly become the school of choice for area families and relocating families, this growing demand has forced the School Board to close Open Enrollment. Although we understand the desire of many parents and students to open enroll at College Community, our primary focus is to provide quality learning today for our district citizens.

Current students and their siblings will remain eligible for the open enrollment option. Presented below are open enrollment statistics for the last decade:

Fiscal Year	Enrolled In	Enrolled Out
2004	455	177
2003	451	182.8
2002	485	171
2001	500	157
2000	458	132
1999	407	100
1998	372	108
1997	350	117
1996	331	110
1995	282	84
1994	213	89
1993	220	63
1992	145	46

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Staff

Administrators: 23
Teachers: 296
Paraprofessionals: 103
Custodians: 30
Food Service: 35
Bus Drivers: 55
Clerical Staff: 33
Mechanics: 3
Media Specialists: 6
Nurses: 3
Guidance: 10
Maintenance: 5
Classified Directors: 7
ECC: 37

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Tax Rates

Presented below are the taxes levied by the District for the fund groups as presented, for the period indicated: (1)

Collection Year	Operating	Mgmt.	Boald OOEL	Voter PPEL	Debt Service	Total
2005-06	11.16616	.64871	.33000	.67000	2.40547	15.22034
2004-05	11.06773	.57804	.33000	.67000	2.50897	15.15474
2003-04	10.52460	.46330	.33000	.67000	2.74627	14.73417
2002-03	10.16671	.42240	.33000	.67000	2.81468	14.40379
2001-02	9.64462	.43023	.33000	.67000	2.64931	13.72416
2000-01	9.14498	.53395	.33000	.67000	2.24844	12.92737
1999-00	9.47715	.42149	.33000	.67000	2.04672	12.94536
1998-99	9.32333	.36707	.33000	.67000	2.27000	12.96040
1997-98	9.07865	.41672	.33000	.67000	2.25946	12.75483
1996-97	9.23834	.35698	.33000	.67000	2.07339	12.66868
1995-96	9.35703	.34999	.33000	.67000	2.40697	13.11399
1994-95	9.81665	.43905	.33000	.67000	1.81572	13.07142
1993-94	9.69888	.43699	.33000	.675000	2.01558	13.15645
1992-93	9.43228	.23981	.33000	.675000	2.22103	12.89812
1990-91	9.21126	.10045	.33000	.67500	2.36374	12.62045

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