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**Thomton Fractional
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Press Release

District 215 receives commendation for Financial Excellence

Thomton Fractional Township High School District 215 receives highest recognition attainable for financial achievement from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Calumet City, IL - April 28, 2009: The Illinois State Board of Education has recognized Thomton Fractional Township High School District 215 for financial excellence for 2009. Based upon the School District Financial Profile and fiscal year financial statements, the State of Illinois placed TFD 215 in the Financial Recognition range, the highest category of financial achievement. Given the current economic difficulties facing school districts, this is a significant accomplishment. Superintendent Greg E. Williams states, "During these economic times, it is imperative that school districts demonstrate to taxpayers that they are good financial stewards of the public interest." Board President Debbie Waitekus commented on the District's accomplishment stating, "Kudos to Superintendent Greg Williams on a job well done. This is the second year we have achieved this status. Dr. Williams has been in the district for 2 years and in that brief time has completely turned around the finances of the district, not only balancing the budget for 2 years but working diligently with the Board to design a budget to carry the district through this challenging financial time." The Board of Education has a Finance Committee that meets monthly. Finance Committee Chair Jim Gigliotti's response to this commendation, "Respect to Superintendent Williams and his staff for a continuous team effort between Finance Committee members and the Board of Education as a whole. This team has worked diligently to accomplish this status and fulfill its commitment to taxpayers." Superintendent Williams acknowledges the strong support of the TFD 215 Board of Education in their willingness to operate as a team to accomplish financial success. He states of the future, "It will be critical, as we face new financial challenges that we continue to place emphasis on fiscal responsibility while providing quality education to all students."###

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