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An Interview with Crystal Johnson

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Crystal Johnson was born in Peoria, Illinois on November 21st, 1982. She graduated from East Peoria High School in 2001. She earned a B.A in Special Education from Illinois State University in 2001, an MA degree in Educational Leadership in 2009, and a Specialist Degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2010. She currently is a doctoral candidate at Western Illinois University. She began her teaching career at East Peoria and later taught at Pekin High School. In 2009 she became Principal/Assistant Superintendent at Rossville-Alvin # 7 school district. She became the District Superintendent in 2011, the youngest Superintendent in Illinois. This interview focuses on the issues related to a deactivated high school within the school district. The student grades 9-12 either went to the Bismarck-Henry or Hoopston Area schools on a tuition basis. In 2011 in a non-binding referendum, the public gave voter approval for the Board of Education to reopen the High School if it was deemed in the best interest of the student and community.

Subject Headings/Key Words: school district reorganization; Rossville-Alvin # 47 school district; deactivation of a high school; school reorganization issues; non-binding referendum; virtual consolidation of school districts; school district shared services; cooperative high school.

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