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An Interview with Senator Jeff Schoenberg

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Senator Jeff Schoenberg has served in the Illinois General Assembly for twenty-two years (twelve in the House and ten in the Senate). His territory is in the North Shore District near Chicago. He went to school at Ida Crown Jewish Academy, Rutgers University, and Columbia University. He is married with two children. Prior to serving in the General Assembly he was a staff member for Congressman Abner Mikva and for Paul Simon. Currently Senator Schoenberg (D-Evanston) serves on the Senate Appropriations, Financial Institutions, and Public Health Committees. He also is an Assistant Majority Leader. In this interview, Senator Schoenberg discusses his Reorganization Bill, Senate Bill 3494, North Shore reorganization issues, and the obstacles often faced in school reorganizations. He also outlines potential education challenges as well as his legislation on the Toll Highway Authority, Purchasing Ethics, and Stem Cell Research.

Subject Headings/Key Words: School reorganization; Assistant Majority Leader in the Illinois Senate; Classrooms First Commission; House Bill 1216 and Senate Bill 3494; North Chicago, Evanston; Regional Office of Education; teachers' pensions; state funding for education; Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL); school transportation and construction; 1985 Educational Reform Act; Leepertown, Illinois; Article 5 of the 1970 Illinois State Constitution; 2-year budgeting in Illinois;

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