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An Interview with Dr. Nick Osborne

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dr. Nick Osborne was born February 7th, 1947 in Wheelwright, Kentucky. He graduated from Wheelwright High School in 1965, and eventually earned a PhD from Southern Illinois University. He has spent forty three years in education, starting as a science teacher, then a principal, then superintendent for the Mt Vernon City Schools, and also a Professor at Eastern Illinois University, including Chair of the Educational Administration Department. Dr. Osborne is married and has five children. He has been involved in Illinois Reorganization Studies located in Eastern, Southern and Metro-east. His studies have looked at deactivation, detachment, annexation, dissolution, consolidation, multi-unit conversion, and cooperative high schools.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** school reorganization in Illinois; Illinois House Bill 1216; school reorganization feasibility studies; school reorganization categories of deactivation, detachment/annexation, dissolution/annexation, consolidation, multi-unit conversion; cooperative high schools; dual district county-wide schools; 1985 Educational Reform Act; Illinois state school incentives; School Construction; Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL); School Reorganization Commission

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