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An Interview with Kent Young

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Kent Young, Superintendent of the Nauvoo-Colusa school district, who has had extensive experience with school reorganization issues, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Kent Young was born June 8th, 1965 in Mt. Pleasant Iowa. He graduated from Central Lee High School in Donnellson, Iowa. He earned degrees from Western Illinois University including a Bachelor's in Science in 1989, a Master in Arts in 1999, an Education Degree in 2011 and another degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2002.

Young taught science and math classes in Piasa, Illinois, Victor Valley in California, Salt Lake City in Utah, Keokuk in Iowa, Round Lake in Illinois and Jasper County in Illinois. He became a principal at Nauvoo- Colusa in 2002, and in 2006 and district superintendent in 2006. As a result, he became involved in reorganization efforts with Dallas City, a failed convergence referendum in 2005 and failed consolidation talks with Dallas City, Nauvoo-Colusa and Carthage. He was also involved in a successful double deactivation in 2008 with Warsaw. As a result, Warsaw Junior High School students now go to Nauvoo-Colusa and Nauvoo-Colusa now go to Warsaw High School. These are on a tuition basis. Both Districts play high school sports with Hamilton.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** school consolidation; school convergence; school deactivation; school reorganization; school referenda; attendance centers; state of Illinois school incentives

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