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An Interview with Senator Dave Luechtefeld

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** David Luechtefeld was born on November 8, 1940 in Lively Grove, Illinois. He graduated from Okawville High School and earned a BS degree at St. Louis University in history and government. Luechtefeld taught for thirty-three years in Okawville. He also was the high school baseball and basketball coach and athletic director. Later, he earned a MA degree in counseling from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. As an educator, he was involved when Okawville reorganized into a Unit School District. He was first appointed to the Illinois State Senate in 1994 as a Republican. Senator Luechtefeld is a member of the Classrooms First Commission, which studied the often contentious issue of school reorganization in 2011 and 2012. As a member of the commission, Senator Luechtefeld served on the subgroup, "Within District Efficiency." The interview discussed his reaction to the commission and the status of reorganization in Southern Illinois. He and his family still reside in Okawville.

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