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An Interview with Dan Cox

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dan Cox was born on September 17, 1976 in Olney Illinois. He graduated from Newton High School in 1994 and Milliken University in 1998. He then taught in the Argenta-Oreana and east Richland school districts. He has also served as a school principal. At the time of this interview, he was in his second year as superintendent of schools in Jasper County District number 1. This district was organized in 1971 and is the largest school district, at 462 square miles, in the state of Illinois. The district was organized from ten separate school districts. Cox was involved in a school attendance center reorganization, which closed several schools and reassigned the junior high school. Transportation was a major challenge during this reorganization, as the district encompasses six counties, some 682,000 road miles per year, with fifty-six buses and twenty-six bus routes. By 2011, Jasper County had three operational schools; Newton High School and Junior High School, Newton Elementary and St. Marie Kindergarten and Prekindergarten center. Cox is married with three children.

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