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An Interview with Roger Eddy

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Roger Eddy, an Illinois State Representative (R) as well as District Superintendent from Hutsonville, who worked on the House Committees on Education and Appropriation with respect to school consolidations, 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: Roger Eddy was born on May 8th, 1958, in Ottawa, Illinois. After earning a degree as a Learning and Behavior Specialist from Northern Illinois University and a degree as a Certified Management Accountant from Eastern Illinois University, Eddy taught in the Hutsonville, Illinois schools for many years before becoming a principal. He later became a District Superintendent of Hutsonville, and in 2002 was elected a State Representative from the 109th District in east central Illinois. Representative Eddy serves on the House Committees on Education and Appropriations.

The interview covered school reorganization. Topics explored included the 1985 School Reform Act and the various types of school reorganizations, difficulties in reorganization and incentives to reorganization. He also discussed how reorganization legislation originates and works its way into law. Finally, the interview covered Eddy's own district's look into reorganization and the study which led to a public vote whether to consolidate the Palestine school district with a neighboring district.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois school reorganization and consolidation; 1985 School Reform Act (Illinois); best ways to reorganize public school districts; Illinois school reorganization legislation.

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