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An Interview with Dr. John Capasso

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dr. John Capasso was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1958. He is a graduate of Chenoa High School. He earned his bachelors degree, masters degree and an Ed.D. degree (Doctor of Education) from Illinois State University. He began his tenure as an educator at Chenoa, Illinois. Later he became the high school principal at the nearby Minonk-Duna-Rutland High School. When the district reorganized with Toluca and Wenona, which created the Fieldcrest Community Unit School District #6, Dr. Capasso became Assistant Superintendent. He later became Superintendent. In 2001 he became Superintendent of Leroy and then the next year he became Superintendent of Prairie Central Community Unit School, District #8. This interview explores the consolidation of three school districts into the Fieldcrest Community Unit School District in 1982, and later the annexation of Chenoa into Prairie Central in 2004.

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