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An Interview with Dr. David Turner

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Dr. David Turner, a high school principal as well as an IHSA board member, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Sports Stories-IHSA* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: David Turner was born in Batavia, New York in October, 1943. Moving to Illinois to be on the family farm, he graduated from Monticello High School in 1961. David earned a BA degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1965, and an MA and PhD from Illinois State University. After a short tour in the Army, he began his teaching career at Manteno High School, where he taught chemistry from 1970 to 1972. He then became high school principal at Morrison, Illinois from 1972 to 1975 and at Petersburg Porta from 1975 to 1992. While at Porta, he was involved in the construction of a new high school. In 1992, David was selected to be the executive director of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), where he served until 2004. He was instrumental in establishing administrator academy credit for all principals, and monitored legislation through the Management School Alliance, which included school boards, school business officials, and school central office administrators. Upon retiring from the IPA, David taught full time at the University of Illinois-Springfield from 2004 to 2014 in the area of Educational Leadership.

This interview focuses on the role of the high school principal in managing school athletic programs and extracurricular activities, using the guidelines of the Illinois High School Association. Dr. Turner discusses the scheduling of events and practices, determining if sports should be added, eligibility and transfer rules, conference affiliation issues, school funding, school safety, hiring of coaches, and coordinating schedules between athletics and activities.

Dr. Turner also reviewed his ten years as an IHSA board member, including his three year term as president and his work with the National Federation. He also discussed the private-public school relationship, laws tied to ADA, OSHA, and Title IX, and the collaboration of the Illinois Principals Association with the Illinois High School Association.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois High School Association (IHSA); Porta High School (Petersburg, Illinois); role of high school principal in sports and extracurricular activities; Illinois Principals Association; tenure as president of the IHSA; cooperative teams; tournament site selection in Illinois

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