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An Interview with Dr. William Phillips
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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. William Phillips is an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Illinois Springfield. He had earned degrees from Illinois State University (BA & MA) and the University of Illinois (Doctor of Education). He has conducted over 40 reorganization studies, including the reorganization study for Virden and Girard, Illinois. Dr. Phillips has been a leader in the field of school reorganization, and has written numerous professional journal articles on the topic, as well as work as a consultant to school boards discussing reorganization. He also served as chairman of the Reorganization Committee of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, and serves on the State Board of Education Task Force on Reorganization (1999 & 2006), and was a consultant for the State Board of Education and the Financial Oversight Panel for Round Lake CUSD #116 and Livingston CCSD #4. Dr. Phillips also has served a school district Superintendent in the Metro East area. He shares his views and insights into the complex and controversial issues stemming from school consolidations in rural Illinois.

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