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An Interview with Janet Vass

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Janet Vass reviews issues related to the unique school reorganization method of conversion, creating the Illini West High School. She was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois, School Reorganization* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Janet Vass was born in Fort Madison, Iowa in 1962. She graduated from high school in 1981 and went for further training as a hairstylist in 1982. She lives in Dallas City and is a board member for the Illini West School District. Earlier, she was a member of the Committee of Ten, which recommended the creation of a conversion district for Illini West High School. The unit districts of Carthage, Dallas City, and La Harpe then became K-8 districts. This interview covers the six years that the conversion school has existed and explores some of the challenges facing a conversion district, as well as the successes.

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