

# Title Page & Abstract

An Interview with Carol Lampard

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
*Education is Key-Educational Reform Act of 1985* Oral History project

Interview # E85-A-L-2014-034

Carol Lampard, who was involved in the 1985 Educational Reform legislation while working with the Illinois House Democratic Caucus, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Educational Reform Act of 1985* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: August 9, 2014      Location: City Hall Office, Northlake, IL

Interview Format: Digital audio

Interviewer: Philip Pogue, ALPL Volunteer

Transcription by: \_\_\_\_\_

Edited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview being  
processed

Total Pages: \_\_\_\_\_      Total Time: 1:17 / 1.28 hrs

Accessioned into the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Archives on October 15, 2014.

The interview is archived at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois.

© 2014 Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

# Abstract

Carol Lampard-*Education is Key-Educational Reform Act of 1985*, E85-A-L-2014-034

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Carol Lampard was born in Genoa, Illinois in August, 1954. She grew up on a farm and graduated from Genoa-Kingston High School in 1972. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Illinois University in 1976 and an MBA from Sangamon State (now University of Illinois Springfield) in 1980. Her work experience included serving as Senior Legislative Analyst for the Illinois House Speaker's Office (1979-88), Assistant Director Fiscal Affairs, Illinois Board of Higher Education (1988-91), Manager Long-Term Debt Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, Illinois General Assembly (1991-93), Executive Director Legislative Audit Commission, Illinois General Assembly (1993-99), Chief Financial Office, Department of Budget and Fiscal Management, Office of Secretary of State (1999-2009), and Division Manager, External Audit, Regional Transportation Authority (2009-12). She served as Finance Manager for the village of Northlake, Illinois at the time of the interview.

This interview covers the buildup of enthusiasm and need for Illinois Educational Reform following the release of the "Nation at Risk," the Reagan Administration report on education. Included in the discussion were hearings held around the state by the Illinois Speaker of the House in 1984. Following the release of the K-12 Commission chaired by Sen. Art Berman and the February State of the Address by Governor Jim Thompson, momentum for legislation increased. This interview outlines the legislative activity and the interest of House Democrats during the process. Also, the interview covers many of the 169 reforms and how they came to be included. Finally, the interview reviews how one component of the 1985 Educational Reform Act, School Reorganization, became a topic in the 1986 Governors race. She also highlights how these reforms encouraged the Mayor of Chicago to consider reforms for the Chicago Public School System.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** "A Nation at Risk"; studies leading to the educational reform movement in Illinois; Educational Reform Act of 1985; Chicago Public School Reforms; School district reorganization; Speaker Mike Madigan; Governor Jim Thompson;

**Note to the Reader:** Readers of the oral history memoir should bear in mind that this is a transcript of the spoken word, and that the interviewer, interviewee and editor sought to preserve the informal, conversational style that is inherent in such historical sources. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is not responsible for the factual accuracy of the memoir, nor for the views expressed therein. We leave these for the reader to judge.

## COPYRIGHT

**The following material can be used for educational and other non-commercial purposes without the written permission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. "Fair use" criteria of Section 107 of the Copyright Act of 1976 must be followed. These materials are not to be deposited in other repositories, nor used for resale or commercial purposes without the authorization from the Audio-Visual Curator at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Telephone (217) 785-7955**