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An Interview with Dr. Lynne Haeffele

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Dr. Lynne Haeffele, *Agriculture in Illinois*, #AI-A-L-2012-035

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dr. Lynne Haeffele was born in Mt Clemens, Michigan in 1954. She graduated from Maine Township South High School in 1972. She received her Bachelors degree from the University of Illinois in Science Education and Anthropology. She received both an M.S. degree in Biology as well as a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Illinois State University. She began her teaching career at A-B-L [Allerton, Broadlands & Longview] High School in 1977. She taught from 1977 to 1990 at Bloomington High School and also was an instructor for Lincoln College and Illinois State University. From 1990-2004 she was an Administrator for the State Board of Education. From 2004-2011 Haeffele served as a Researcher and Policy Analyst for the Center of the Study of Educator Policy. Currently she is senior Policy Director for Education in Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon's office, and as a result serves as the Chief of Staff for the Classrooms First Commission where she completed a year long study on the topic. Dr. Haeffele was involved with the organization, research, and the compiling of data and resources for the Classrooms First Commission (Public Act 097-0503). The interview explains the functioning of the commission, the obstacles the group faced, and the commission's recommendations.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** School Reorganization; Classrooms First Commission; Lt Governor Sheila Simon; House Bill 1216 (Public Act 097-0503); 1985 Educational reform Act; Educational Policy Center; school reorganization efficiencies; virtual consolidation; local control of schools; states incentives; forced consolidation; unit/dual school districts; PTELL [Property Tax Extension Law Limit]; state aid to education; pension payment shift in Illinois; county wide schools; State Board of Education; Illinois P-20 Council.

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