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An Interview with Dr. Norman Durflinger

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Dr. Norman Durflinger, *Agriculture in Illinois*, AI-A-L-2011-060

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dr. Norman (Norm) Durflinger was born on October 4th, 1947 in Normal, Illinois, and graduated from Normal Community High School in 1965. He earned a B.A. degree from Illinois State University, an M.A. from The University of Illinois, and a Doctorate in Education from Illinois State University. He has worked for the Bloomington, Lexington, and Morton School Districts as a Teacher, Principal, and Assistant for Business/Curriculum and as Superintendent. He served as Superintendent of Morton for twelve years. Following that experience, he taught Educational Administration at Illinois State University, and now serves as Director for the University's Center for the Study of Educational Policy. In addition, at the time of the interview he served as Mayor of Morton. Dr. Durflinger is married and has three children. He has done numerous Reorganization Feasibility Studies and has conducted research on that topic.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** School Reorganization; school reorganization feasibility studies; types of school reorganizations; Mayor of Morton, Illinois; Dual-Unit school districts; obstacles for school reorganization; 1985 Educational Reform Act; Illinois state school reorganization incentives; school construction; County Wide Schools; Classroom First Commission; House Bill 1216; "Illinois Public School Consolidation: A Tiered Approach"; Center for the Study of Education Policy; impact of school reorganizations;

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