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An Interview with Shannon Price

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Shannon Price, a parent who opposed the suggested consolidation of three small Illinois school districts, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Shannon Price was born on August 31st, 1959 in Morganfield, Kentucky and grew up in Clay, Kentucky, graduating from Webster County High School in 1977. She earned a BA in 1981 and a Masters Degree in 1983 from the University of Kentucky, majoring in philosophy. Upon graduating, Shannon worked at the University of Kentucky as an administrative staff person for 15 years. She is married and has one son. Shannon became active in public school affairs while living in Aspers, Pennsylvania, (the Upper Adams School District). The family moved to Illinois and purchased a home in Bushnell because of their desire to live in a small town near Macomb.

In January 2012 Shannon became involved in a group seeking to block the three-way consolidation of the Bushnell-Prairie City, Avon and Abingdon school districts named “Just Vote No.” The initiative eventually went down to defeat in March 2012. She continues to be involved with B-PC BEST (Bushnell-Prairie City: **B**uilding communities, **E**ducating children, **S**upporting teachers and schools, **T**ogether we **CAN** make a difference), an independent community organization. She also testified before the Illinois Classrooms First Commission in support of local control for schools.

Subject Headings/Key Words: School reorganization; McDonough-Fulton-Knox-Warren Counties in Illinois; Bushnell-Prairie City School District; Avon School District; Abingdon School District; “Just Vote No”; Regional Office of Education in Illinois; school consolidation feasibility studies; Illinois Classrooms First Commission; state incentives for school consolidation; Committee of Ten, Illinois school reorganization; Lt. Governor Sheila Simon; Governor Pat Quinn

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