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An Interview with Joanne Osmond

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Joanne Osmond was born on August 16th, 1948 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She graduated from high school in Avon Grove, Pennsylvania in 1966. In 1970, she earned a Bachelor's in Science degree from Purdue University and in 1995 a Masters in Business Administration from Webster University. She worked many years for Abbott Labs and now runs her own web company. Joanne is in her twentieth year as a school board member. The first four were spent for Antioch High School Number 17 and the remaining sixteen for Lake Villa Elementary District number 41. She was a co-chairman of the Committee of 10 which in 1994 tried to create a unit District for Lake Villa township. This question impacted twenty-three school districts, with six districts being directly impacted: Antioch High School #17, Grays Lake High School #124, Antioch Community School District # 34, Lake Villa Educational School District # 41 and Millburn Elementary School District # 24. This referendum was unsuccessful. Osmond is also active with the Illinois Association of School Boards.

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