

**Ted Stilwill**

Chief Officer

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Location: Naperville, Illinois, office

**Areas of Expertise**

- Education Policy
- District and State Strategies for Improving Instruction
- Leadership Development

**Current Work**

- Great Lakes West Comprehensive Assistance Center: Providing leadership support for comprehensive assistance to Illinois and Wisconsin to help low-performing schools and districts close achievement gaps and meet the goals of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

**Key Professional Appointments**

- Director, Iowa Department of Education
- Former president, Council of Chief State School Officers
- Former president, North Central Regional Educational Laboratory Board of Directors
- Former treasurer, Education Commission of the States

As Iowa's chief state school officer, Stilwill oversaw the development, passage, and implementation of landmark teacher quality and student achievement legislation while providing leadership and supervision for the state's education system. Stilwill worked in state government in Iowa for 18 years, first as a deputy with responsibility for the state's early childhood through high school efforts and then he was appointed by both Republican and Democratic governors to serve nearly 10 years as Iowa's chief state school officer. In that role, he provided leadership for community colleges and vocational rehabilitation services as well private and public prekindergarten through secondary schools across the state. Stilwill also worked extensively in collaboration with state efforts in economic development, health and human services, fine arts, and public safety.

His career also includes 18 years in various classroom and school administrative positions. He is skilled in project management, problem solving, and consensus building. As an accomplished public speaker, Stilwill also is a recognized advocate for the needs of children.

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