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*Research Interests:* Research publications and conference presentations include work on finance issues for public schools with a special interest in bonds and borrowing. School district reorganization is another strong research area. Having completed over fifty full scale reorganization studies in Illinois for over 150 school districts, along with numerous presentations and journal articles for school district reorganization. Presently Professor Phillips is serving on the Illinois Commission for the Reorganization and Realignment of Public Schools sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education.. .

Dr. Phillips was one of the founding faculty to develop the Post Masters Degree Program for aspiring superintendents for Educational Leadership Program at the University of Illinois at Springfield . The PMC Degree required that Professor Phillips develop, and teach three of its required courses including “Politics a State, National and Local Perspective”, “Educational Funds and Funding” and “Supervised Clinical Experiences.” Professor Phillips was awarded the Van Miller Outstanding Scholar/Educator from the University of Illinois and the Illinois Association of School Administrators in 2010 for his work on promoting administrative programs and a long, distinguished career in Educational Administration..

Before coming to UIS in 2001, Dr. Phillips spent the last twenty-six years as Superintendent for five different school districts and four years as an Elementary School Principal in Illinois. During his tenure in Illinois school administration, he also was appointed to numerous task forces, and study groups for a host of administrative issues including financial issues, special education, curriculum design, collective bargaining, environmental issues and many others. Currently, he has developed a program for Illinois Superintendents to inform their legislators of financial issues entitled, “Education Funding Toolkit for Communicating with Legislators”. In addition, he has been featured in four educational video presentations sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Administrators. .

Dr. Phillips currently teaches courses in the areas of school finance, politics in education, collective bargaining and Supervised Internship Experiences for both principal and superintendent level courses. Dr. Phillips taught these courses for the Educational Leadership program for the last ten years.