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Iowa county superintendents reported forty-eight new districts formed during the school year 1961-1962. During the first quarter, from July 1, 1961 to September 30, 1961, five new districts were reported; in the second quarter, October 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961, seven were reported; in the third quarter, January 1, 1962 through March 31, 1962, nine new districts were formed; and during the fourth quarter, from April 1, 1962 to June 30, 1962, twenty-one were reported. This made a total of forty-eight new districts, under the provisions of the school reorganization Chapter 275, Code of Iowa.

Through these forty-eight successful reorganization elections, the total number of Iowa school districts were reduced from 1,390 to 1,234, or a total loss of 156 districts.

At the beginning of the 1961-1962 school year the state had 510 approved high school districts. Twenty-four fewer high school districts will exist next year as a result of the forty-eight reorganizations effective July 1, 1962. Seventeen other high school districts operating and approved in 1961-1962 have voluntarily closed and will contract for their high school services with neighboring high school districts. This makes a total of forty-one fewer high school districts in Iowa. Thus, in the school year 1962-1963, the state will have 469 high school districts.

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A total of 115 non-high school districts became a part of existing high school districts in the reorganizations covered in this report for the past school year and were effective as of July 1, 1962. During the 1961-1962 school year there were 880 non-high school districts. As a result of the forty-eight reorganizations there will be 766 non-high school districts in 1962-1963. In 1950-1951, the state had 3,813 non-high school districts. This presents a loss of 3,047 non-high school districts since 1950-1951.

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The tables that follow in this report indicate progress toward larger enrollments in new districts as they are formed. Total enrollments (K-12), increased from a median of 684 in 1956-1957 to a median of 1,085 for the forty-eight new districts formed in 1961-1962. In 1956-1957, the median high school enrollment (9-12) for new districts formed was 183. The forty-eight high school district's median for 1961-1962 was 270 pupils. If we compare the median enrollments for 1950-1951 with those of 1961-1962, the total enrollment median rose from 418 to 1,085, and the high school median enrollment rose from 118 to 270.

Thus, it appears that each succeeding year the people of Iowa, through successful elections, support larger enrollments than are prevalent in the majority of the existing districts before they reorganized. One can reasonably assume that this trend is the result of the people realizing the advantages of sufficient enrollment in providing more comprehensive programs to meet the needs of individual pupils, and at the same time, gain some efficiency in operation.

INFORMATION CONCERNING NEW DISTRICTS FORMED IN IOWA

July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962

No.	Name of New Community District	County	High School District Involved	Elementary Enrollmt.	High School Enrollmt.	Total Enrollmt.	Area Sq.Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
1.	Des Moines Ind. (2) - Chapter 275.40 actions and an attachment	Polk	Des Moines	32,225	10,226	42,451	80.9	\$ 6,382
2.	Fubuque	Fubuque	Dubuque	4,164	1,762	5,926	65.9	13,023
3.	Marshalltown	Marshall	Marshalltown-Albion	4,052	1,311	5,363	119.3	7,744
4.	Iowa City	Johnson	Iowa City	4,090	1,130	5,220	59.0	6,658
5.	West Des Moines	Polk	West Des Moines	3,126	786	3,912	37.0	6,374
6.	Fort Madison	Lee	Fort Madison-Denmark	2,367	821	3,188	111.0	7,486
7.	Fairfield	Jefferson	Fairfield	2,243	869	3,112	316.0	7,339
8.	Charles City	Floyd	Charles City	2,208	749	2,957	195.0	7,485
9.	Webster City	Hamilton	Webster City	2,026	787	2,813	196.6	8,590
10.	Southeast Polk	Polk	Runnells-Mitchellville- Altoona	1,923	586	2,509	117.5	15,499
11.	Oelwein	Wayette	Oelwein-Hazleton	1,740	570	2,310	153.0	6,924
12.	Anamosa	Jones	Anamosa-Mertelle	1,160	445	1,605	120.0	6,055
13.	Algona	Kossuth	Algona-Whittemore	1,153	451	1,604	153.7	10,201
14.	Aramosa	Jones	Anamosa Independent	1,076	416	1,492	100.0	5,509
15.	Starmont	Clayton	Strawberry Point- Lamont-Arlington	1,063	379	1,442	209.75	8,347

No.	Name of New Community District	County	High School District Involved	Elementary Enrollmt.	High School Enrollmt.	Total Enrollmt.	Area Sq.Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
16.	Forest City	Winnebago	Forest City-Fertile	1,015	410	1,425	154.8	\$ 7,952
17.	West Marshall	Marshall	Clemons-Melbourne- State Center	979	377	1,356	189.5	9,806
18.	Belmond	Wright	Belmond	974	334	1,308	132.4	9,713
19.	Tipton	Cedar	Tipton	940	322	1,262	137.7	8,517
20.	Griswold #3	Cass	Griswold-Elliott	743	373	1,116	207.0	11,520
21.	Mid-Prairie	Washington	Mid-Prairie	892	221	1,113	119.2	9,160
22.	West Monona County	Monona	Blencoe-Onawa	828	273	1,101	143.0	8,964
23.	LaPorte City	Black Hawk	LaPorte City	838	250	1,088	84.0	7,077
24.	Prairie	Webster	Prairie View-Callender	825	255	1,080	189.0	12,370
25.	Williamsburg	Iowa	Williamsburg	741	315	1,056	192.4	12,557
26.	Grundy Center	Grundy	Grundy Center	704	308	1,012	105.0	9,813
27.	Pekin	Keokuk	Pekin	709	268	977	214.0	10,104
28.	WACO	Henry	Olds-Wayland	644	254	898	1,163.0	8,990
29.	Western Dubuque	Dubuque	Western Dubuque	677	201	878	519.56	35,964
30.	Woodbury	Woodbury	Climbing Hill-Moville	655	204	859	134.0	8,060
31.	Jesup	Buchanan	Jesup	530	250	780	110.0	10,256
32.	Woodbine	Harrison	Woodbine	558	216	774	145.0	7,412

No.	Name of New Community District	County	High School District Involved	Elementary Enrollmt.	High School Enrollmt.	Total Enrollmt.	Area Sq.Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
33.	Ogden	Boone	Ogden	506	236	742	115.0	12,804
34.	East Greene	Greene	East Greene-Wash. Twp.	533	188	721	131.5	12,472
35.	Northeast Hamilton	Hamilton	Blairsburg-Williams	506	167	673	138.0	15,140
36.	Dunkerton	Black Hawk	Dunkerton	493	177	670	78.8	8,229
37.	Story City	Story	Story City	465	178	648	55.1	8,098
38.	CAL	Franklin	Franklin-Alexander	420	200	620	131.3	15,292
39.	Parkersburg	Butler	Parkersburg	463	154	617	76.5	8,495
40.	Panora-Linden	Guthrie	Panora-Linden	440	175	615	94.0	8,039
41.	Springville	Linn	Springville	430	164	594	57.0	6,992
42.	Delwood	Clinton	Delmar-Elwood	408	140	548	70.0	8,483
43.	Fredericksburg	Chickasaw	Fredericksburg	356	153	509	86.5	9,089
44.	Meservey-Thronton	Cerro Gordo	Meservey-Thronton	364	141	505	78.2	9,974
45.	East Monona	Monona	Moorhead-Soldier	332	159	491	120.0	9,386
46.	Garnavillo	Clayton	Garnavillo	326	161	487	102.0	11,170
47.	Martensdale-St. Marys	Warren	Martensdale	356	127	483	74.8	6,541
48.	Lisbon	Linn	Lisbon	318	123	441	38.1	7,624

ENROLLMENTS (K-12) IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

Total Enrollment	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1960 - 1961	Number of Districts 1961 - 1962
1200 - over	16	20	26	25	21	19
1000 - 1199	6	5	10	3	3	7
900 - 999	1	3	4	4	10	1
800 - 899	2	4	1	2	7	3
700 - 799	14	13	12	4	8	4
600 - 699	17	7	14	12	3	6
500 - 599	11	9	16	12	9	4
400 - 499	7	10	13	10	10	4
300 - 399	9	14	6	8	3	0
Less than 300	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	84	85	102	80	74	48
Medians	684	721	708	695	862	1,085

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS (9-12) IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

Total Enrollment	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1960 - 1961	Number of Districts 1961 - 1962
400 - over	10	17	18	18	17	15
300 - 399	6	6	10	8	6	7
200 - 299	18	17	20	11	21	12
100 - 199	39	37	50	38	28	14
50 - 99	11	8	4	5	2	0
Less than 50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	84	85	102	80	74	48
Medians	183	193	190	181	206	270

ASSESSED VALUATIONS PER PUPIL IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

Assessed Val. Per Pupil	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1960 - 1961	Number of Districts 1961 - 1962
15,000 - Over	2	3	2	6	4	4
12,000 - 14,999	9	12	12	12	15	5
10,000 - 11,999	12	15	25	14	14	5
9,000 - 9,999	16	13	15	13	11	7
8,000 - 8,999	14	14	21	11	9	11
7,000 - 7,999	11	14	7	8	8	8
6,000 - 6,999	9	9	11	10	7	7
5,000 - 5,999	8	2	6	5	4	1
Less than 5,000	3	3	3	1	2	0
Totals	84	85	102	80	74	48
Medians	8,750	9,077	9,165	9,494	10,174	8,777

Number of Districts

July 1, 1954	4,417
July 1, 1955	4,142
July 1, 1956	3,691
July 1, 1957	3,323
July 1, 1958	2,779
July 1, 1959	2,052
July 1, 1960	1,575
July 1, 1961	1,390
July 1, 1962	1,234

Decrease from 1954 to July 1, 1962 is 3,183 districts, a reduction of 72.6%

Number of High School Districts

July 1, 1954	319
July 1, 1955	308
July 1, 1956	738
July 1, 1957	745
July 1, 1958	694
July 1, 1959	614
July 1, 1960	562
July 1, 1961	510
July 1, 1962	469

Decrease from 1954 to July 1, 1962 is 350 high school districts, a reduction of 42.7%

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The formation of seventy-four new districts was reported by Iowa County Superintendents during the school year from July 1, 1960 through June 30, 1961. Four new districts were approved by the voters in the first quarter; nineteen, in the second quarter; twenty-four, in the third quarter; and twenty-seven, during the quarter ending June 30, 1961.

Through these seventy-four reorganizations, the total number of school districts in the state was reduced by 184. Iowa will have a total of 1391 school districts for the 1961-1962 school year compared to 1575 for the 1960-1961 school year.

Thirty-five high school districts were eliminated by reorganization during the 1960-1961 school year. Seventeen more closed voluntarily and are sending their high school pupils to other high schools on a tuition basis. One new high school district was added by the formation of the Camanche Community School District. Iowa, therefore, will have 511 high school districts compared with 562 last year.

The last five years of school district reorganization was characterized by these figures for new districts:

- (1) A gradual increase in total enrollments--for the 1956-1957 school year the median total enrollment was 684; for the 1961-1962 school year, 884.
- (2) Increased high school enrollments--the 1956-1957 figure was 183; the 1960-1961 figure, 206.
- (3) Increased assessed valuation per child--average assessed valuation per child moved from \$8,750 to \$10,174 during this five-year period.

Twenty-three of the seventy-four new districts effected will enroll a total of less than 600 pupils (Grades K-12) during the 1961-1962 school year. Thirty-one will enroll less than 200 high school pupils (Grades 9-12).

During the last ten years, Iowa has effected 684 new districts. The median total enrollment for the districts effected almost doubled in the ten-year period, moving from 418 (from 1951 to 1956) to a 1960-1961 median of 682. The median high school enrollment for new districts has likewise risen from 118 to 206. The people of Iowa have accepted the criterion that the soundness of a district is determined to some extent by the number of pupils served.

Reorganization provides a way for implementing a more comprehensive educational program more efficiently to all pupils; therefore, there is still much to be done and much to be gained by further reorganization of Iowa school districts. If reorganization moves more slowly in the years to come, it will be primarily because the new districts (formed by meeting acceptable standards) failed to provide more comprehensive and advanced programs of education.

INFORMATION CONCERNING NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN IOWA

From July 1, 1960 through June 30, 1961

No.	Name of New District	County	High School Districts Involved	Elementary Enrollment	High School Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Area in Sq. Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
1	Fort Dodge *	Webster	Fort Dodge	4869	1407	6276	47.5	\$ 7,479
2	Fort Dodge *	Webster	Fort Dodge	4509	1620	6129	18.3	5,954
3	Dubuque	Dubuque	Dubuque	1670	4072	5742	36.0	13,016
4	Keokuk	Lee	Keokuk	2788	873	3661	49.0	6,859
5	Oskaloosa *	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	2029	894	2923	11.0	4,599
6	Oskaloosa *	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	1939	894	2833	8.0	4,598
7	Fairfield	Jefferson	Fairfield	2188	601	2789	29.2	6,812
8	Oelwein	Fayette	Oelwein	1498	443	1941	104.7	7,176
9	Knoxville	Marion	Knoxville	1401	531	1932	132.4	6,809
10	Maquoketa	Jackson	Maquoketa	1465	444	1909	120.0	5,866
11	Storm Lake	Buena Vista	Storm Lake-Hayes	1390	400	1790	85.3	10,602
12	Albia	Monroe	Albia	1265	512	1777	250.0	5,292
13	Winterset	Madison	Winterset	1180	480	1660	265.0	8,675
14	Hampton	Franklin	Hampton-Hansell	1191	426	1617	154.0	9,078
15	Central	Clinton	DeWitt-Welton					
			Grand Mound	1150	350	1500	170.0	10,000
16	Nevada	Story	Nevada-Milford Twp.	1094	381	1475	118.0	7,679
17	Glenwood	Mills	Glenwood-Silver City-					
			Pacific Junction	1097	325	1422	126.0	7,351
18	Sheldon	O'Brien	Sheldon-Archer	971	442	1413	182.0	12,411
19	North Fayette	Fayette	North Fayette	1033	376	1409	162.0	8,267
20	New Hampton *	Chickasaw	New Hampton	771	436	1207	264.0	12,718
21	New Hampton *	Chickasaw	New Hampton	771	436	1207	252.0	11,938
22	Lake Mills	Winnebago	Lake Mills-Joice	825	305	1130	166.0	8,794
23	Central	Clayton	Elkader-Volga City	798	297	1095	108.0	8,060
24	Northeast	Clinton	Goose Lake-Elvira-					
			Charlotte	830	225	1055	170.0	9,284
25	Monona-Farmersburg	Clayton	Monona-Farmersburg-					
			Luana	711	269	980	125.0	14,914
26	Grundy Center	Grundy	Grundy Center	720	253	973	100.0	9,476
27	Wapello	Louisa	Wapello-Oakville	723	245	968	122.0	7,003
28	Traer-Clutier	Tama	Traer-Clutier	709	256	965	136.0	11,104
29	La Porte City	Black Hawk	La Porte City	720	235	955	85.5	6,308
30	Interstate 35	Madison	St. Charles-Truro-					
			New Virginia	697	256	953	192.0	8,394
31	Clear Creek	Johnson	Cosgrove-Oxford	705	240	949	127.5	8,648

* These districts completed two reorganizations during the fiscal year 1960-1961

No.	Name of New District	County	High School Districts Involved	Elementary Enrollment	High School Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Area in Sq. Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
32	Belle Plaine	Benton	Belle Plaine	714	232	946	96.0	7,913
33	Iowa Valley	Iowa	Marengo	702	232	934	104.0	7,455
34	Maple Valley	Monona	Mapleton-Danbury	619	286	905	180.0	10,936
35	Logan-Magnolia	Harrison	Logan-Magnolia	655	238	893	126.0	7,787
36	State Center	Marshall	State Center-Rhodes	653	229	882	112.0	9,323
37	Ackley-Geneva	Hardin	Ackley-Geneva	615	260	875	140.0	11,775
38	Williamsburg	Iowa	Williamsburg	560	302	862	150.0	12,609
39	West Harrison	Harrison	Modale-Mondamin	607	252	859	185.0	9,436
40	Edgewood-Colesburg	Delaware	Edgewood-Colesburg	615	189	804	140.0	8,309
41	Hartley	O'Brien	Hartley	573	229	802	135.0	12,040
42	Kingsley-Pierson	Plymouth	Kingsley-Pierson	598	195	793	123.0	10,260
43	Area Six	Muscatine	Non-H.S.-District	503	158	761	132.0	9,235
44	Sutherland	O'Brien	Sutherland	533	225	758	113.0	9,298
45	St. Ansgar-Grafton	Mitchell	St. Ansgar-Grafton	585	168	753	114.0	9,787
46	Charter Oak-Ute	Crawford	Charter Oak-Ute	519	222	741	153.0	10,089
47	Beaman-Conrad	Grundy	Beaman-Conrad	523	212	735	134.0	14,421
48	Lincoln	Cedar	Mechanicsville-Stanwood	535	199	734	816.0	9,295
49	Alta	Buena Vista	Alta	525	175	700	114.6	12,093
50	Van Buren *	Van Buren	Van Buren	483	200	683	137.0	6,675
51	Van Buren *	Van Buren	Van Buren-Douds-Leando	475	200	675	130.0	6,487
52	West Central	Fayette	West Central	454	198	652	112.0	10,548
53	New London	Henry	New London	465	145	610	55.0	5,959
54	Willow	Cherokee	Washta-Quimby	434	155	589	98.0	8,939
55	Dysart	Tama	Dysart	428	143	571	83.8	12,128
56	Winfield-Mt. Union	Henry	Winfield-Mt. Union	412	143	555	92.0	12,896
57	Paullina	O'Brien	Paullina	395	155	550	127.0	17,427
58	Orient-Macksburg	Adair	Orient-Macksburg	375	161	536	173.0	13,094
59	Prairie View	Webster	Prairie View	385	137	522	86.8	11,968
60	Yale-Jamiaca-Bagley	Guthrie	Yale-Jamiaca-Bagley	375	135	510	92.0	18,774

* This district completed two reorganizations during the fiscal year 1960-1961

No.	Name of New District	County	High School Districts Involved	Elementary Enrollment	High School Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Area in Sq. Mi.	Assessed Valuation Per Pupil
61	Malvern	Mills	Malvern	356	149	505	93.0	14,238
62	Plainfield	Bremer	Plainfield	359	135	494	66.0	8,506
63	Newell-Providence	Buena Vista	Newell-Providence	360	130	490	92.0	14,307
64	Pringhar	O'Brien	Pringhar	375	112	487	61.0	10,108
65	Dike	Grundy	Dike	348	122	470	106.5	15,680
66	Treynor	Pottawattamie	Treynor	339	116	455	84.0	11,522
67	Floyd Valley	Sioux	Floyd Valley	330	108	438	65.5	12,997
68	Schaller	Sac	Schaller	325	113	438	67.0	11,320
69	Preston	Jackson	Preston	330	105	435	53.8	6,552
70	Sioux Rapids	Buena Vista	Sioux Rapids	301	111	412	55.3	9,329
71	Rensen-Union	Plymouth	Rensen-Union	316	90	406	172.0	30,833
72	Miles	Jackson	Miles	278	110	388	79.0	12,886
73	Churdan	Greene	Churdan	284	103	387	78.0	11,249
74	Sabula	Jackson	Sabula	250	81	331	36.0	9,783

ENROLLMENTS (K-12) IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

Total Enrollment	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1961 - 1962
1200 - over	16	20	26	25	21
1000 - 1199	6	5	10	3	3
900 - 999	1	3	4	4	10
800 - 899	2	4	1	2	7
700 - 799	14	13	12	4	8
600 - 699	17	7	14	12	3
500 - 599	11	9	16	12	9
400 - 499	7	10	13	10	10
300 - 399	9	14	6	8	3
Less than 300	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	84	85	102	80	74
Medians	684	721	708	695	862

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS (9-12) IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

High School Enrollment	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1960 - 1961
400 - over	10	17	18	18	17
300 - 399	6	6	10	8	6
200 - 299	18	17	20	11	21
100 - 199	39	37	50	38	28
50 - 99	11	8	4	5	2
Less than 50	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	84	85	102	80	74
Medians	183	193	190	181	206

ASSESSED VALUATIONS PER PUPIL IN NEW DISTRICTS FORMED

Assessed Val. Per Pupil	Number of Districts 1956 - 1957	Number of Districts 1957 - 1958	Number of Districts 1958 - 1959	Number of Districts 1959 - 1960	Number of Districts 1960 - 1961
\$15,000 and over	2	3	2	6	4
12,000 - 14,999	9	12	12	12	15
10,000 - 11,999	12	15	25	14	14
9,000 - 9,999	16	13	15	13	11
8,000 - 8,999	14	14	21	11	9
7,000 - 7,999	11	14	7	8	8
6,000 - 6,999	9	9	11	10	7
5,000 - 5,999	8	2	6	5	4
Less than 5,000	3	3	3	1	2
Totals	84	85	102	80	74
Medians	8,750	9,077	9,165	9,494	10,174

Number of Districts	
July 1, 1954.....	4,417
July 1, 1955.....	4,142
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July 1, 1957.....	3,323
July 1, 1958.....	2,779
July 1, 1959.....	2,052
July 1, 1960.....	1,575
July 1, 1961.....	1,391

Decrease from 1954 to 1961 is 3,026, a reduction of 68.51 per cent

Number of High School Districts	
July 1, 1954.....	819
July 1, 1955.....	808
July 1, 1956.....	788
July 1, 1957.....	745
July 1, 1958.....	694
July 1, 1959.....	614
July 1, 1960.....	562
July 1, 1961.....	511

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