

April 16,2011 Marengo High School:

Welcome to McHenry County Rep. Lou Lang and Rep. Mautino: Thank you for coming here on a cold Saturday morning/

Maps: Is the one for Franks, Beaubien, and Tryon's Districts shown with the surrounding Districts.?

CONGRESSIONAL MAPS?

One year ago petitions were being signed for a FAIR MAP with the Public and a computer program actually drawing each District boundary to be VIEWED within the context of neighboring Districts AND within the whole State of Illinois.

FAIR MAP WAS THE GOAL OF A COALITION OF SEVEN WELL-RESPECTED, WELL-KNOWN ORGANIZATIONS, such as the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Il. Chamber of Commerce, the Il. League of Women Voters, the Better Government Association, etc.

We did not meet the deadline with our Petition-Drive to get FAIR MAP on the Ballot last November. So we're back to a process of 2 maps being drawn by representatives of the 2 parties behind closed doors. The decision of which map we will have for the next 10YEARS is made by drawing from a hat! No other State does its Redistricting like the Ill. Legislature.

From the publicity and information last year of HOW a FAIR MAP would be drawn by non-elected members of the Public, it appears that the Legislature has absorbed something from our FAIR MAP process, mainly having these meetings and giving the Public hope that you will incorporate some of the Public's advice into the Map. soon to be adopted for the NEXT 10 YEARS.

Lastly, on a personal note, I admire our four competent Legislators who have lived in McHenry County or Lake County for decades. (They have really worked hard as elected officials of local units of government for the Public-in this Region. The Citizens of the whole State of Illinois have ALSO benefitted from their expertise and their diligence in Springfield.

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