

Biography

Rodney N. Ellis Sr.

Rodney Ellis, Sr. is a native of Mocksville NC. He is a 1999 graduate of Winston-Salem State University where he earned his B.S. Degree in Middle Grades Education. As a student at WSSU, Ellis served as president of the WSSU chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators, and in 1997 was elected state delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. Ellis began teaching in 1999 for the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System as an 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Atkins Academic Academy. As a teacher at Atkins, Ellis earned Teacher of the Year honors for 2000-2001. In 2002, he was recognized for his commitment to education and community as a recipient of the 2002 Black Achievers Award, and the 2002 Phi Beta Sigma Man of the Year Award. In 2003, Ellis was elected president of the Forsyth County Association of Educators where he served two successful terms. In 2005 he was elected District Director for NCAE and was appointed by the Governor to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina Teacher Academy. In March of 2008, Ellis was elected Vice-President of the North Carolina Association of Educators representing over 67,000 educators. Ellis is a 2009 graduate of the Education Policy Fellowship Program, currently serves on the Board of Directors for the MSA program at Winston Salem State University, is a mentor in the “Real Men Teach” program also at WSSU, and was recently appointed by the Governor to the NC Teachers and State Employees Health Plan Board of Trustees.