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Dr. Lois Adams-Rodgers retired in 2003, after a 32-year career as a Kentucky public school educator at a variety of levels in urban, suburban, and rural school districts. She served as a teacher, elementary and middle school principal, special education program coordinator, assistant superintendent, superintendent of schools, associate professor and director of programs at two universities, a state department official in multiple leadership roles, serving as deputy commissioner in the Kentucky Department of Education for three commissioners of education. She holds a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate of education from the University of Louisville, where she was named the 2010 Alumni Fellow from the College of Education and Human Development.

She joined the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, DC in 2003, and served as Deputy Executive Director until 2010, focusing on educational leadership and international educational opportunities. She also served as a consultant working with state department of education deputy commissioners across the country.

Dr. Adams-Rodgers is President of LEADING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, LLC, and serves as an educational consultant/facilitator for a variety of organizations focused on educational leadership, including The Wallace Foundation, New York City Leadership Academy, University of Delaware's Academy for School Leadership, and the American Institute for Research University Principal Preparation Initiative.

Dr. Adams-Rodgers served and serves on a variety of boards and committees, including President of the Longview Foundation Board of Directors, Asia Society Partnership for Global Learning Advisory Committee, National Parks Service Education Advisory Committee, and President of the Collaborative for 21st Century Appalachia. She serves as a member of the University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development Dean's Advisory Committee, where she also served as a consultant to the research team of the CARDS to CREATE project. She has previously served on the Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education Board, the National Community Education Association Board of Directors, National Advisory Council for the MIND Research Institute, the National Association of State Science and Math Coalitions, the Georgia Leadership Institute on School Improvement, and the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership.

She is a native Kentuckian, but now resides in South Carolina with her husband.