

Dr. Roger Dorson - MARE/MO K-8 "Friend of Rural Education" - 2019

Dr. Roger Dorson began his education career as a social studies teacher in Macon, Missouri. He taught Social Studies there for ten years. He then served as Principal (one year) and Superintendent (three years) in Princeton, Missouri. His final service stop in public education was as the Superintendent in Salisbury, Missouri for eighteen years. He dedicated thirty-two (32) years of his life as a rural teacher and administrative leader.

At the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, he served as Coordinator of School Financial and Administrative Services for nine years. He was promoted to Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Financial and Administrative Services on July 1, 2016. He continued as Deputy Commissioner while also serving as Interim Commissioner of Education from December 2017 through December 2018.

Dr. Dorson earned his bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in secondary school administration at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) in Kirksville. He earned his doctorate in curriculum and instruction at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has received the MASA Pearce Award, been named the MASA Northeast Emeritus Educator, and has served as MASA President.

Dr. Dorson has been married to his wife, Kathy, for over forty-four (44) years. They have three children: Benjamin, High School Principal at New Franklin R-I, Katie, Physical Therapist and Rachel, Internal Medicine Physician. They have nine grandchildren ranging in age from nine months to seventeen years old!