Rodney is a proud member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and he is also the father of two awesome children and one amazing grandson. In addition, he has been an educator for over 28 years. Rodney received a Bachelor of Science Degree in teaching Physical Education and a Master Degree in Physical Education. He began his career as a Physical Education teacher in Scotland County and later became an Assistant Principal after receiving his second Master’s Degree in School Administration. Rodney received his Bachelor and both Master’s from the prestigious University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He currently serves as the Director of Cumberland County Schools/Office of Indian Education, leading the second largest Indian Education program in the state of NC.

Just in the past year, Mr. Jackson has gone above and beyond his duties with Indian Education. At the start of the 2021/2022 school year, he and his staff found seven male students from Cumberland County Schools (CCS) that had dropped out the previous school year. After meeting with the former students and their parents, Mr. Jackson and his staff were able to convince all seven young Native men to return to school, to complete their education. They enrolled the students in several different schools, CCS, Hoke County Schools (neighboring county), North Carolina Online Virtual Academy, and Penn Forster Online School. By the end of May 2022, "ALL" seven young men had completed their school requirements and graduated.

For the month of November, American Indian Heritage Month, Mr. Jackson and staff visited several schools within the district to educate the students about the Native American culture. The team performed mini–Pow Wows, helped the students create native American crafts, and all this was done with the collaboration of the local tribe, Lumbee Indians of North Carolina. They were able the show the students many different regalia’s and explain the meaning behind them. On November 9, 2021, his office incorporated an event titled "A Taste of Our Culture." The event was held at the school system's Central Office, for the Central Office staff, in honor of Native American Heritage Month and it featured a Pow Wow, a mini museum, and authentic Native American food.

Mr. Jackson has established a reputation as an extremely capable, effective leader for the Office of Indian Education. He has consistently displayed qualities of initiative, care, and professionalism. His genuine concern for the welfare of Native students is a true testament of his strong commitment and advocacy for public education.