

REPORT 2  
DATE 2-18-15  
# 377

Biography for Sandra Stotsky: January 2015

Sandra Stotsky is professor of education *emerita* at the University of Arkansas, where she held the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Chair in Teacher Quality. She served as Senior Associate Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from 1999-2003, where she was in charge of developing or revising all the state's K-12 standards, teacher licensure tests, and teacher and administrator licensure regulations. She served on the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from 2006-2010, on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel from 2006-2008, and on the Common Core Validation Committee from 2009-2010. She was one of the five members of the Validation Committee who would not sign off on the standards as being rigorous, internationally benchmarked (comparable or competitive), or research-based. She was also editor of the premier research journal, *Research in the Teaching of English*, published by the National Council of Teachers of English, from 1991 to 1997. She has published extensively in professional journals and written several books.

She did undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and completed a doctorate in reading research and reading instruction at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has been an active citizen in Brookline for many years, serving as president of its League of Women Voters several decades ago, as an elected Town Meeting Member for 10 years, and as an elected library trustee for 14 years. She also served on many school-search and selectmen-appointed committees.