

## **Dr. Jeff Bearden**

Dr. Jeff Bearden joined Forsyth County Schools as superintendent on September 2, 2014.

Dr. Bearden has served as a school executive for over 25 years. Prior to joining Forsyth County he was superintendent of Rome City Schools and Fayette County Schools. Dr. Bearden spent the first part of his educational career in Maine where he served as superintendent of the Maine School Administrative District No. 35 and the Limestone School Department. Dr. Bearden also served as an assistant superintendent, assistant principal, and district athletic director. He taught social studies and language arts, and was a varsity basketball coach.

A Georgia native, Dr. Bearden holds a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from the University of Maine, and a Doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University. Additionally, he is a third-generation veteran of the United States Air Force.

Dr. Bearden has two daughters and one son. His wife Lisa is an elementary school teacher. Dr. Bearden is a member of the Rotary Club of Forsyth County, Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA), and the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). He is a member of the American Heart Association's Board of Directors and serves on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Light the Night" Committee. Dr. Bearden has been a finalist for Georgia's State Superintendent of the Year for three consecutive years (2019, 2020, and 2021).