



Bio – L. C. (Buster) Evans, Ed.D.
Executive Director – Teachers Retirement System of Georgia

Dr. L. C. (Buster) Evans is the Executive Director of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia where he began serving in September 2016. He is a graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Valdosta State College, and he received his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Georgia in 1991. Buster worked for six years as a consultant and program director for the Heart of Georgia RESA. In 1994 he began serving as assistant superintendent of schools in Bleckley County, GA, and in September 1996 he began serving as the first appointed superintendent for the Bleckley County School System where he served through July 2007. Buster began working in Forsyth County on August 1, 2007 and officially began his tenure as Forsyth County School Superintendent on January 1, 2008 and retiring from public education after over 30 years of service in June 2014. In 2014, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Evans to serve as an assistant commissioner for the Georgia Department of Corrections to expand and provide leadership in adult academic and vocational education programs as a part of Georgia's criminal justice reform initiative.

Evans' tenure as a school superintendent included successful initiatives to increase SAT and other test scores including Forsyth County having the highest average SAT scores in Georgia. Evans' tenure as superintendent also included initiatives to increase high school completion rates, STEM programs, as well as enhancing the use of instructional technology including a nationally recognized Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) and personalized learning initiatives. During Evans' tenure in Forsyth County, as one of the nation's fastest growing school districts, 11 new schools were constructed as the district grew by over 10,000 students. Evans also served for 8 years as a Trustee for the Teachers Retirement System. Buster also served as president of the Georgia School Superintendents Association and the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders.

In 2014, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Dr. Evans as Assistant Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Corrections with the specific task of enhancing and building out academic and career and technical education programs in Georgia's prison system to support Georgia's criminal justice reform initiative. Within less than three years, Georgia had emerged as one of the nation's leaders in educational programming in corrections. As Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services, Evans also oversaw chaplaincy and risk reduction services programming.

In 2016, Buster began serving as the Executive Director of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. During his tenure at TRS, he has worked to enhance the system's transparency and strategic planning. He works effectively with state leadership, legislators, retired and active members, and others to promote awareness of the value of the retirement system to the educational profession and its economic impact throughout Georgia. He has received public-sector-specific training on state pensions at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Evans is further involved at the national level with the National Council on Teacher Retirement, National Association of Retirement Administrators, and the Markets Group/Southeast Institutional Investors Forum.

Buster is a graduate of the Leadership Georgia Class of 2000. He is a member of Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon and is a Paul Harris and Will Watt Fellow in Rotary International. Evans also serves as a trustee of LaGrange College and is on the Board of Directors for the Jekyll Island Authority. He is married to Debbie Evans, a retired teacher, and has a two children, Jed and Laura and two life changing grandchildren who he will be glad to show you pictures of pure love! His hobbies include exercising, forestry management, reading, and spending time in the outdoors.

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