



The Leander ISD Board of Trustees named Bruce Gearing, Ed.D., as the educator to lead its fast-growth district July 25, 2019.

The 2019 Region 13 Superintendent of the Year, Gearing served as the Dripping Springs ISD superintendent since February 2012. During his tenure, he oversaw a fast-growth district, growing by approximately 50 percent, while supporting students with state and national success in academics, arts and athletics.

Before moving to Dripping Springs, Dr. Gearing served as superintendent of Marshall ISD from 2009–2012, where that district made significant strides both in academic performance and fiscal stability. He also spent three years as an assistant superintendent at Mount Pleasant ISD, as well as one year as a junior high principal and four years as an elementary principal. Dr. Gearing started his career teaching science and math at the high school level, including three years at international schools.

Dr. Gearing is a frequent presenter at state and regional conferences, and also has participated in national educational leadership activities such as the Connected Superintendents Summit at the White House.

Gearing earned his doctorate degree from Texas A&M – Commerce, master's degree from Texas A&M – Texarkana, and bachelor's degrees in mathematics and chemistry from the University of Witwatersrand. A native of South Africa, Gearing and his wife, Aldine, moved to the United States 21 years ago, and he proudly became a U.S. citizen in 2010. They have four school-age children.