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GSBA Dedicates New Facility in Lawrenceville

On Sunday, September 24, the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) welcomed nearly 200 school board members, superintendents, current members of the GSBA Board of Directors, former employees, past presidents and others to celebrate the dedication of its new facility located at 5120 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville.

The new facility, which is located across from Gwinnett Technical College, is home to the association's staff of 28 employees. The building is complete with technologically equipped conference rooms, offices for contract employees and room for growth.

During a ceremony to commemorate the occasion, GSBA President Diane Sandifer, a board member from Harris County, recognized special guests including members of the Norcross High School Strings Ensemble, who were the afternoon's entertainment. GSBA District 11 Director Vernon Payne of the Clarke County Board of Education provided the invocation. GSBA Past President Carroll Gay of the Jenkins County Board of Education recounted for attendees how the vision of the facility became a reality. GSBA President Elect Smith Pass of the Coweta Board of Education provided closing remarks before the ribbon cutting ceremony where children of all ages participated.

"GSBA's new building is an investment in our future," said Jeannie M. (Sis) Henry, GSBA executive director. "As we set out to fulfill our mission to ensure excellence in the governance of local school systems, we now have a critical piece of the infrastructure in place."

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