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A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of a new cooperative purchasing warehouse for Griffin Regional Educational Services Agency was recently held on Friday, February 19, 2010. Griffin RESA provides cooperative purchasing services, along with many other diverse services, to the eight school systems that comprise the agency's network. By making purchases in volume collectively for these eight systems, Griffin RESA is able to buy consumable instructional supplies, instructional equipment, and maintenance supplies at a substantial savings for its member institutions. With the opening of the new warehouse on February 15th, Griffin RESA will be able operate its cooperative purchasing division with increased efficiency. The new facility consists of 18,000 square feet of storage space and will enable the agency to supply a much greater inventory thus reducing the need for back orders and multiple delivery trips. The new warehouse will also decrease the operational costs of the agency's supply distribution operations. The planning and construction of this project was a cooperative effort between Griffin RESA, The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, and the eight school systems.

Pictured in the photo are the Board of Control members who participated in the ceremony. From left to right: Dr. Steve Whatley, Superintendent of Newton County Schools, Dr. Michael Duncan, Superintendent of Pike County Schools; Ms. Lynda White, Superintendent of Butts County Schools; Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director of Griffin RESA; Dr. Marguerite Shook, Superintendent of Thomaston-Upson County Schools; Dr. Bill Truby, Superintendent of Lamar County Schools; and Mr. Michael Surma, Superintendent of Henry County Schools. Not pictured: Dr. John DeCotis, Superintendent of Fayette County Schools; and Dr. Curtis L. Jones, Jr., Superintendent of Griffin-Spalding County Schools.

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