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*The Memphis School of Excellence (MSE) has released this statement from executive director Muhammet Turkey about the selection of Dr. Penny Schwinn as Tennessee's next commissioner of education.*

The Memphis School of Excellence wants to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Penny Schwinn, Governor Bill Lee's appointment to lead the Tennessee Department of Education.

MSE is looking forward to working under Dr. Schwinn to continue to make sure that children in Tennessee not only have access to a quality education and but also have diverse choices in school options. We are excited to see what Schwinn's experience brings to Tennessee as the state continues to refine TNReady into an assessment program that is reliable and accurate measurement of student achievement.

As a public charter, we have worked hard over the past ten years to provide the students of Memphis with a high-quality education and to contribute to the improving educational climate in Shelby County. We are hopeful that Dr. Schwinn's leadership will continue the great work that is being done in our state to move Tennessee students to the top.

We welcome Dr. Schwinn to Tennessee.

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