

School Turnaround Pilot Program Approved School Turnaround Experts

The School Turnaround Pilot Program Act (<u>Public Chapter 578</u>, now codified at <u>T.C.A.</u> § <u>49-6-3601</u>, <u>et. seq.</u>) requires the department to approve school turnaround experts to partner with the five schools participating in the Pilot Program to develop and implement a School Turnaround Plan. In compliance with state procurement laws and rules, the department conducted a formal competitive request for qualifications (RFQ) process to identify and approve the school turnaround experts for the School Turnaround Pilot Program. This RFQ was conducted to ensure that each qualified school turnaround expert possesses the following qualifications:

- Has a credible track record of improving student academic achievement in public schools with various demographic characteristics, as evidenced by statewide assessment results
- Has experience designing, implementing, and evaluating data driven
- instructional systems in public schools
- Has experience coaching public school administrators and teachers on designing and implementing data-driven school turnaround plans
- Has experience collaborating with the various education entities that govern public schools
- Has experience delivering high-quality professional development and coaching in instructional effectiveness to public school administrators and teachers
- Is willing to travel to a school in need of intervention regardless of the school's location

The approved school turnaround experts for the School Turnaround Pilot program and their contact information are:

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