



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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The Pennington School announced today that Brenda Cole has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer, effective July 18, 2022. The announcement was made by Dr. William S. Hawkey, longtime head of The Pennington School.

Cole is a finance executive with more than thirty years of experience building and leading successful financial departments. Following an impressive career in the corporate world with responsibilities in finance, accounting, and capital planning, she became director of finance and operations and CFO for Wilmington Montessori School, where she worked for fifteen years. There, she developed five- and ten-year strategic plans for the institution, built new infrastructure at the school for technology and facility maintenance, prepared annual operating budgets, and supervised all finance, accounting, human resources, technology, and facility functions.

Most recently, Cole worked in a similar capacity at Holy Child School at Rosemont, where she collaborated on a capital campaign and was a member of the master planning committee for the building of a new performing arts and athletic center and turf field. At Rosemont, she also negotiated construction financing for the new building, managed insurance and risk management, maintained capital forecasts, supervised COVID protocols, and revamped the cleaning, cafeteria, and investment management functions for the school.

Brenda Cole is a graduate of Miami University and Xavier University in Ohio and is a certified public accountant. She writes, "I appreciate the rich history and success of The Pennington School, and this is an opportune time to join the Pennington School leadership team and contribute to the next stage of its strategic plan."

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

Caption for photo: Brenda Cole has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer at The Pennington School.