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# Defending Ed. Dept. Cuts, Linda McMahon Says It's Time to 'Do Something Different'

The education secretary told an audience of ed-tech entrepreneurs she wants to empower states to use best practices to improve schools



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Secretary of Education Linda McMahon speaks at the ASU+GSV Summit at the Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego on April 8, 2025. She defended recent cuts to the federal Education Department and said she hoped an expansion of school choice would be part of her legacy.

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