

## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

February 17, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Valencia Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for a Southwest Campus in Orange County

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College for a Campus site designation in Southwest Orange County.

### **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Rule 6H-1.040 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education (successor to the State Board of Community Colleges) review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. Based on the documentation presented by the college for the new site, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6H-1.040 are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception as allowed in part (7) of the Rule to waive the requirement that all existing campuses have reached 3,000 FTE's as specified in part (5)(c) of the Rule. The Osceola Campus only achieved 1,903 FTE in 2002/2003 but due to the geographic separation of southwest Orange county and the limited roadways from northwest Osceola County, it makes it unlikely that students living in southwest Orange County would commute to Valencia's Osceola Campus, even if space were available, which it is not. Because of the explosive growth in Central Florida and that the college's West Campus has over 6,000 FTE and is reaching near its capacity due to limited land availability and infrastructure allowed, this request is justified.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6H-1.040 F.A.C.

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