

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

April 19, 2005

**SUBJECT:** St. Petersburg College - Request Site Designation Approval for a Fire Training Special Purpose Center

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College for a Special Purpose Center site designation of the Fire Training Facility located in Clearwater.

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

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Florida Department of Education's strategic imperative to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning is achieved with the approval of this request for the fire training curriculum. Rule 6A-14.0061 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" states that the Division of Community Colleges shall receive proposals from local boards of trustees to establish campuses, centers, and special purpose centers, and shall recommend for or against the establishment of the requested site to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall approve or disapprove the proposal for a new site. Based on the documentation presented by the college for the new site, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. Currently, the college leases the existing fire training facility from Pinellas County for one dollar a year to provide specialized fire training to meet local and state law enforcement requirements, and to maintain the property. The college has now signed a perpetual 40-year lease and the designation will allow the college to have access to use their Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds to provide for some maintenance and operating expenses.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061, F.A.C.

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