

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

November 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Polk Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for
Lake Wales Special Purpose Center

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

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 special purpose center. Rule 6A-14.0061 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 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. The college is requesting designation of a special purpose center to serve as the location for a partnership with the Lake Wales Charter School District to create a ***Bridge To College Program***. This program would provide dual enrollment courses in an area where many students are place bound and would hereby increase the percentage of students who enroll in post-secondary education. This Special Purpose Center would also serve newly established industries and businesses with better trained quality workforce to fulfill the growing demands of the business sector in this area. (See the proposal for a complete description of the proposal). Because of the explosive growth in Central Florida, access for dual enrollment and business needs of this community, this request is justified.

Request for a waiver for this item.

Yes

No

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

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