

September 14, 2005

Mr. David Armstrong
Chancellor
Division of Community Colleges
Department of Education
1314 Florida Education Center
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear ~~Chancellor Armstrong~~: *David:*

The District Board of Trustees of Polk Community College is requesting that the State Board of Education approve the enclosed request to plan and develop a Special Purpose Center in the southeastern sector of our District in the community of Lake Wales. The District Board of Trustees had previously identified that area for future expansion; however, the rapid population growth in recent years and the formation of the Lake Wales Charter School District have accelerated the plans. The proposed special purpose center will serve as the location for activities related to the **Bridge To College Program** partnership with the Charter School District where high school students could take dual enrollment courses, other post-secondary degree courses and technical programs in order to reach the underserved population.

The enclosed proposal has been prepared according to the provisions of Section 1001.02(7)(e), Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0061 FAC. If review by Division staff results in any questions or the need for additional information, please let me know. Also, please let me know how many additional copies of this proposal you will need. An electronic copy of the proposal has been transmitted to you and to Ron Fahs. Letters of support from Dr. Sandy Shugart, President of Valencia Community College; Dr. Norm Stephens, President of South Florida Community College, Dr. Gail McKenzie, Superintendent of Schools for Polk County, and Dr. Clint Wright, Superintendent of the Lake Wales Charter School District are attached.

Sincerely,



J. Larry Durrence

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Enclosures