

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Items

September 19, 2006

**SUBJECT: Pensacola Junior College - Request Site Designation Approval for the
South Santa Rosa County Special Purpose Center**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Pensacola Junior College for a Special Purpose Center designation in South Santa Rosa County.

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 review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State support, the facilities must be designated a campus, center or special purpose center. Based on the documentation presented by the college, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. Pensacola Junior College received authority from the Legislature to purchase land in South Santa Rosa County in 1995. With this area now being one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Florida, it is essential to provide quality vocational and postsecondary education to this increasing population. The college is requesting designation of a special purpose center to provide that education and serve that need. In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to an underserved population, this request for a Special Purpose Center 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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