

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Consent Item**

April 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Hillsborough Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for the Advantage Special Purpose Center in Riverview, Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1001.02(4)(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 (FAC), 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 capital outlay and operating 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 FAC are satisfied. The college is requesting the designation of a new site in Riverview, Florida, as a Special Purpose Center to expand the reach of its workforce development training in the greater Brandon community. The primary threshold for a Special Purpose Center in Rule 6A-14.0061(3) FAC, is that a site has a limited number of special, clearly defined programs or services, such as instruction or administration and this request satisfies that guideline.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Letter of request, Proposal, BOT Approval and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061

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