

## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

October 21, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Polk Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for  
a Northeast Center in Polk County

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Polk Community College for a Center site designation in Northeast Polk County.

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

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Rule 6H-1.040, 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 6H-1.040 are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception as allowed in part (7) of the Rule to waive the requirement that all existing campuses serve an enrollment of 3,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students as specified in part (5) (c) of the Rule. The Main Campus in Winter Haven and the Joint-Use Center has achieved 1,585 FTE and 1,707 FTE respectively in 2002/2003. However, due to the geographic separation of northeast Polk County and the congestive condition of the roadways, students living in northeast Polk County would not likely commute to the existing sites for classes after working in Orange County as most of them do. Due to the circumstances, the request is justified.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6H-1.040, F.A.C.

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