

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
November 15-16, 2012

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- C. Approval of Construction Plan for an additional Career and Technical Education Center in the DeSoto County School District utilizing local funds

Executive Summary

The DeSoto County School District requests approval of its Construction Plan for an additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center utilizing local funds. The center will accommodate the increasing number of students who are enrolling in CTE programs within the district.

State Board Policy 8901, *Construction or Remodeling of Career Technical Centers*, requires an educational agency to submit an application to the State Board of Education through the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) for approval to construct or remodel an area Career and Technical Education Center. The agency must follow guidelines and procedures as specified in the *Manual for the Construction, Utilization, and Management of Vocational and Technical Education Training Facilities*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Mississippi Department of Education

DESCRIPTOR TERM: Construction or Remodeling of Career Technical Centers	CODE: 8901
ADOPTION DATE: June 25, 1985	REVISION: November 18, 2011

STATE BOARD POLICY

Construction or Remodeling of Career Technical Centers

Any educational agency desiring to construct, expand, alter, or remodel an area CTE center, facilities housing CTE programs including comprehensive high schools and others, shall develop a local construction plan. The construction plan shall be preceded by a needs assessment study of the area to be served and shall also follow procedures as identified by the Office of Career and Technical Education. The application for approval for building construction and renovation shall be completed with all appropriate and necessary documents and submitted through the Office of Career and Technical Education to the State Board for final approval or disapproval.

The Office of Career and Technical Education shall develop and maintain a management and control system for facilities that shall include guidelines and procedures in the areas of facilities, standards and specifications, remodeling, construction, acquisition, usage, disposition, and inspection.

Legal Reference: Public Law 98-524, Section 251 (a)(10) and (20)

**LOCAL PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION CENTER IN DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
UTILIZING LOCAL FUNDS**

The DeSoto County School District will utilize local funds to renovate an existing building that will meet the needs and requirements of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center. The DeSoto County Career and Technology Center East will house four CTE programs along with administrative support.

The construction of the center comes at a time when the need for technology and work skills is critical. The center will be located in the Olive Branch Metro Industrial Park. This location will place students adjacent to the industrial environment and bring business and industry closer to the educational setting.

The four CTE programs to be taught at the center are Transportation and Logistics, Law & Public Safety, Health Sciences, and Industrial Maintenance. These programs will give students the opportunity to enter the workforce at an entry-level position or continue their education and training at a community/junior college or institution of higher learning.