

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
January 17-18, 2013

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- B. Approval of Construction Plan for a Career and Technical Education Center at the Wellspring Toyota Plant in Tupelo, MS utilizing local funds

Executive Summary

The Create Foundation in partnership with Baldwin City School, Lee County Schools, Nettleton City Schools, New Albany City Schools, Pontotoc City Schools, Pontotoc County Schools, Tupelo City Schools, and Union County Schools is requesting approval of their Construction Plan for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center utilizing local funds. The CTE Center will be constructed at the Wellspring Toyota Plant site in Tupelo, Mississippi.

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 AT THE WELLSPRING TOYOTA SITE IN TUPELO, MS

The Create Foundation in partnership with the following schools: Baldwyn City School, Lee County Schools, Nettleton City Schools, New Albany City Schools, Pontotoc City Schools, Pontotoc County Schools, Tupelo City Schools, and Union County Schools will utilize local funds to build a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center at the Wellspring Toyota Plant site in Tupelo, MS. The Wellspring Center for Professional Futures will house CTE programs along with administrative support. The mission of the Wellspring Center for Professional Futures is to connect real world learning, leading edge opportunities and innovative curriculum choices to inspire students to career and college readiness.

The CTE programs to be taught at the center 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. The projected CTE programs are Health Related Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing, Aviation/Avionics, Mortuary Science, Forensic Science, Animation, Simulation, Design, Broadcasting, Advanced Medical Technology, Architecture Design, and Law & Public Safety. Programs will be phased in over time with plans to implement two or three programs at a time. At opening, the center will serve around 80 students and should reach up to 800 students at full capacity.