

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
October 20, 2016**

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- C. Construction Plan for a Career and Technical Education Center in the Lowndes County School District utilizing local funds

Executive Summary

The Lowndes County School District requests the approval of a Construction Plan for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center utilizing local funds.

State Board Policy Rule 91.1, *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

State Board Policy

Chapter 91: Vocational Facilities (Career and Technical Education)

Rule 91.1 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.

Source: Public Law 98-524, Section 251 (a)(10) and (20) (Revised 11/2011)

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

In 2016, a bond issue was passed for \$38 million to construct a new Career and Technical Education Center and to build a new school at New Site in the Lowndes County School District.

The new facility will be located north of Columbus, just north of Highway 82, approximately 10 miles from each of the feeder high schools in the district (Caledonia, New Hope, and West Lowndes). The building will be approximately 68,000 square feet and will house 10 CTE programs.

Completion of the facility is expected in January of 2018. Move in and adjustments are scheduled for the spring of 2018 with first classes entering the building in the fall of 2018.

The CTE programs for the new center will be consolidated from the feeder high schools and some will be new additions to the district. The programs are listed below.

Health Science	Previously at Caledonia High School
Carpentry	Previously at Caledonia High School
Automotive Service	Previously at New Hope High School
Engineering	Previously at New Hope High School
Industrial Maintenance	Previously at West Lowndes converted from Masonry
Student Services	Special Populations Coordinator
Polymer Science	New Program
Culinary Arts	New Program
Welding	New Program
Child Care	New Program