



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: Registration of Religious and Independent High Schools
Visited in the Spring of 2022
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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the registration of two nonpublic high schools, one that is newly commencing instruction and one which is changing status from pending to full registration?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Full Board at its January 2023 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Prior to the Covid pandemic crisis, the Board of Regents had acted on the registration of religious and independent high schools each year. There were no high school registration visits in 2020 or 2021, and SORIS is now in the process of completing status updates and registration visits to those pended prior to the pandemic and the latest requests from the spring of 2022.

Background Information

Religious and independent high schools which have a senior class for the first time submit Applications for Nonpublic Secondary School Registration and are visited by a staff member from the State Office of Religious and Independent Schools.

Approved registration of the religious and independent high schools will allow them to issue valid NYS diplomas and administer State examinations on-site, and the schools will become members of the University of the State of New York.

The school in Nassau County is a newly granted registration, and the school in Schenectady County already has pending registration and is moving to full registration.

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the following schools, which participated in the 2021-2022 nonpublic high school registration program, be registered:

School	County	Recommended Status
Mesivta Toras Moshe	Nassau	Registered
Brown School	Schenectady	Registered

Timetable for Implementation

These religious and independent high schools will become registered upon approval by the Board of Regents.