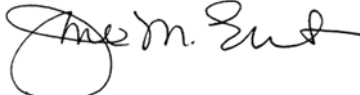





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**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Jhone M. Ebert 

**SUBJECT:** Registration of Religious and Independent High Schools  
Visited in 2016-17

**DATE:** June 1, 2017

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents approve the registration of four nonpublic high schools?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the Regents for approval at its June 2017 meeting.

#### **Procedural History**

The Board of Regents has acted on the registration of religious and independent high schools each year.

#### **Background Information**

Religious and independent high schools which had a senior class for the first time, submitted Applications for Nonpublic Secondary School Registration and were 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.

**Related Regent's Items**

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/Summary%20of%20the%20July%202016%20Regents%20Meeting.pdf>

**Recommendation**

VOTED: That the following schools, which participated in the 2016-17 nonpublic high school registration program, be registered:

<b>School</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Recommended Status</b>
Mesivta Ahavas HaTorah	Rockland	Registered
Shaarei Zion Ohel Bracha	Queens	Registered
Helderberg Christian School	Albany	Registered
Bethel Baptist Christian Academy	Chautauqua	Registered

**Timetable for Implementation**

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