





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
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SUBJECT: The Registration of Religious and Independent High Schools Visited in the Spring of 2023
DATE: July 6, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the registration of these nonpublic high schools, which are 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 for action at its July 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

Prior to the Covid pandemic crises, 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 the Office of Religious and Independent School Support (ORISS) is now in the process of completing status updates and registration visits to those pended prior to the pandemic and the latest requests from 2023.

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

Related Regents Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

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

VOTED: That the following schools, which have requested high school registration or received pending registration, be fully registered:

School	County	Recommended Status
Children’s Academy	New York	Registered
Ihsan School of Excellence	Onondaga	Registered

Timetable for Implementation

These religious and independent high schools will become registered upon approval of the Board of Regents. Children’s Academy is a new request and Ihsan School of Excellence is moving from pending to full registration.