



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: August 31, 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 September 2023 meeting.

Procedural History

Prior to the Covid pandemic, 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. The Office of Religious and Independent School Support (ORISS) is now in the process of completing status updates and registration visits to those pending 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

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

School	County	Recommended Status
Bnos Yerushalayim	Kings	Registered
Mesivta Netzach Hatorah	Nassau	Registered
Northern Academy of the Arts	Orange	Registered

Timetable for Implementation

These religious and independent high schools will become registered upon approval of the Board of Regents. The first one is a new request, the other two are moving from pending to full registration.