Request: At the request of staff, the State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the applications for new Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) for the 2015-2016 school year. The CIHS application seeking approval is indicated in the chart on the next page.

Background: During the 2011 legislative session, the General Assembly established the following criteria to define a cooperative innovative high school (G.S. 115C-238.50A):
   a) It has no more than 100 students per grade level;
   b) It partners with an institution of higher education to enable students to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or complete an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years
   c) It is located on the campus of the institution of higher education, unless the governing Board . . . specifically waives the requirement through adoption of a formal resolution.

Rationale: Session law 2014-100 Section 8.36.(b) states, “Notwithstanding, the requirements of Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statues, for the 2014-2015 school year, the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience shall be designated as a cooperative innovative high school. To maintain the designation as a cooperative innovative high school beyond the 2014-2015 school year, the board of directors of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience shall apply with a local board of trustees for approval as a cooperative innovative high school program as provided under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statues.”

The CIHS application for the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience was approved by the State Board of Education March 4-5 meeting. New cooperative innovative high schools (CIHS) must be approved by the State Board of Education and then are sent to the State Board of Community Colleges for approval.

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CIHS recommended for approval for 2015-2016

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<td>Martin Community College</td>
<td>The school serves students from five counties within the northeast region of North Carolina (Beaufort, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell, &amp; Washington)</td>
<td>Northeastern Regional School for Biotechnology and Agriscience (NERSBA)</td>
<td>No – location waiver was included in application</td>
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