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Admissions Extended for Flood-impacted Students

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has extended the fall admissions deadline until Sept. 23 for college students impacted by the hurricane and flood-related disasters in the Gulf Coast area.

“We want to do everything we can to accommodate anyone who is affected by this terrible tragedy,” said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. “Allowing for late admissions will help these students move forward with their academic studies, especially since it is obvious the Gulf Coast area will go through an extensive recovery and rebuilding period.”

This action allows both South Dakota residents and out-of-state students who were enrolled at universities in New Orleans and other impacted Gulf Coast areas to begin their studies this fall at any of the six South Dakota public universities. Local college officials have fielded some calls from students, primarily those from South Dakota attending colleges and universities in the affected area, who were worried about their college studies and what to do next. “We want to help them deal with these unknowns,” Perry said.

The Board of Regents will also allow late applications until Sept. 23 from any of the affected students from South Dakota who might be eligible for the state’s Opportunity Scholarship. The regular scholarship deadline is Sept. 1.