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## **District 14 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Tuesday, Oct. 4, by District 14 legislators in southeast Sioux Falls.

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ronning Branch Library at 3100 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. Representatives of the South Dakota Board of Regents, its staff, and public university presidents will be on hand to visit with District 14 residents and others, including Sioux Falls School District officials.

Across South Dakota, demographic shifts are occurring which mean fewer traditional college-age students in the future, along with more non-traditional students and a significant increase in South Dakota's older populations. How the state's public university system responds to these changes, as well as the demands of a global economy, will be critical.

Rep. R. Shawn Tornow, Rep. Joni Cutler, and Sen. Dave Knudson, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with District 14 constituents in Sioux Falls, said the ideas exchanged at this type of public forum meeting will help South Dakota's public higher education system better plan for the future.