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## **District 5 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Watertown**

WATERTOWN, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Wednesday, Oct. 12, by District 5 legislators in Watertown.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (CDT) at the Technical Education Center (room 509) on the Lake Area Technical Institute campus in Watertown. Representatives of the South Dakota Board of Regents, its staff, and public university presidents will be on hand to visit with area residents.

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.

Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, Rep. Rep. Al Koistinen, and Rep. Bob Faehn, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with District 5 constituents in Watertown, 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.