



# News Release

Contacts: Robert T. Tad Perry, Executive Director  
tadp@sdbor.edu

Janelle Toman, Director of Information & Institutional Research  
janellet@sdbor.edu

T: 605.773.3455

F: 605.773.5320

www.sdbor.edu

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Tuesday, October 25, 2005

## **District 17 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Vermillion**

VERMILLION, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Thursday, Nov. 3, by District 17 legislators in Vermillion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (CST) in the Rushmore Room of the Coyote Student Center on the University of South Dakota campus. 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. Ben Nesselhuf, Rep. Donna Schafer, and Rep. Jamie Boomgarden, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with District 17 constituents in Vermillion, 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.