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## **District 9 and 11 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Wednesday, Nov. 2, by legislators from districts 9 and 11 in Sioux Falls.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (CST) in room 291 of the Health Sciences Center on the Southeast Technical Institute and USDSU campus in Sioux Falls. 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.

Rep. Elaine Roberts, Sen. Jason Gant, Rep. Keri Weems, Sen. Tom Dempster, Rep. Deb Peters, and Rep. Mark Willadsen, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with constituents from districts 9 and 11 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.