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## **District 1 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Britton**

BRITTON, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Tuesday, Nov. 15, by District 1 legislators in Britton.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (CST) in the Britton-Hecla Arena. 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. Gary Hanson, Rep. David Sigdestad, and Rep. Clayton Halverson, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with District 1 constituents in Britton, 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.