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District 31 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents in Spearfish

SPEARFISH, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Thursday, Nov. 17, by District 31 legislators in Spearfish.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (MST) in the Student Union Jacket Legacy Room on the Black Hills State University campus in Spearfish. 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. Jerry Apa, Rep. Tom Hills, and Rep. Charles Turbiville, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with District 31 constituents in Spearfish, 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.