

Aberdeen Area Lawmakers Host Board of Regents

ABERDEEN, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Thursday, Dec. 8, by District 2 and District 3 legislators in Aberdeen.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. (CST) in the Student Center Centennial Room on the Northern State University campus in Aberdeen. 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. Duane Sutton, Rep. Larry Frost, Rep. Al Novstrup, Sen. Jim Hundstad, Rep. Paul Dennert, and Rep. Burt Elliott, who jointly extended the invitation to the regents to meet with districts 2 and 3 constituents in Aberdeen, 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.