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Regents Announce Leadership Changes at School for the Deaf

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Harvey C. Jewett, president of the South Dakota Board of Regents, today announced several changes in leadership for the fall semester at the South Dakota School for the Deaf.

The regents have awarded SDSD Superintendent Jon Green a sabbatical leave for fall semester. Jewett expressed the board's appreciation for the exceptional service Green is providing the school. "If anyone has ever earned a sabbatical leave, it is Jon Green," Jewett said. "He will have the opportunity to research new education models for the deaf and hard of hearing during this semester."

Jewett said Maureen Schloss, an associate professor of education at Northern State University, would serve as interim superintendent during Green's sabbatical. In addition, Joel Grim has been appointed principal at the School for the Deaf.

"We are pleased Dr. Schloss has agreed to fill in during the fall semester," Jewett said. "Having arrived in Aberdeen only this summer, her willingness to accept this extraordinary assignment is greatly appreciated by the board. I know she has embraced the Aberdeen community, and was not looking to be temporarily relocated during the week. While she will be in Sioux Falls during the work week, we also know she will remain an active member of the Northern State community this fall."

Green, who has been deaf school superintendent for nine years, will use his sabbatical to review exemplary special education teacher-training programs. Jewett noted that leave for executive officers is permitted under regents' policy after three years of service.

During Green's tenure, the school has improved its academic offerings, established a bi-cultural and bilingual education program, reorganized the residence program, enhanced campus facilities, reinstated an after-school program, and established a performance-based salary program. Prior to coming to South Dakota, Green held positions in K-12 education in Michigan and at the University of Toledo and Eastern Kentucky University.

Schloss joined the Northern State faculty in May, following a distinguished teaching and research career at Buffalo State College, an institution of the State University of New York

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system, where she was recently promoted to full professor and served as special assistant to the chair of the Department of Exceptional Education.

Schloss is certified in elementary education, special education, and deaf and hearing impaired. Her Ph.D. degree is from State University of New York at Buffalo in special education. Gallaudet University awarded her a master's degree in the education of the hearing impaired. She has been a frequent contributor to the professional literature in deaf education, authoring numerous articles and a book focusing on social skill development and academic enrichment. She received her undergraduate degree from D'Youville College in New York. Schloss has taught in K-12 programs in two Illinois school districts.

In another announcement, Joel L. Grim has been appointed principal at the South Dakota School for the Deaf, effective Aug. 23. Grim previously worked in the Brandon Valley School District for seven years, including service as an elementary principal. "Joel Grim is a dedicated and enthusiastic educator," Jewett said. "We are very pleased to have a person with his experience leading the instructional program at School for the Deaf."

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