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Two Finalists Considered for School for the Deaf Superintendent

PIERRE, S.D. – Two candidates were named finalists Monday by a South Dakota Board of Regents' search committee to become the next superintendent at South Dakota School for the Deaf.

Regent Randy Morris, who chairs the search process, said the two finalists will visit the school's campus in Sioux Falls Monday, July 23, for scheduled meetings with constituents. A search is under way to replace Maureen Schloss, who served as the school's superintendent since 2004 but is returning to her faculty position at Northern State University this fall.

The finalists are:

- **Terry Gregersen, Riverside, Calif., former director of instruction, California School for the Deaf.** Gregersen was director of instruction at the California School for the Deaf in 2005-06, where he provided leadership and direction for eight instructional programs. Prior to that, he worked for 27 years in the Tacoma (Wash.) School District, first as a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing and later as assistant special education director. At Tacoma, Gregersen was responsible for a dual-track education program providing both bilingual and auditory/oral instruction. He is active in his community, serving as vice chair of the Riverside Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, and has been involved with deaf athletics for the Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf for the past 34 years. He holds an education specialist degree from Gallaudet University, a M.S. degree in deaf education from Western Oregon University, and a B.A. in education from Seattle University.
- **Raymond C. Olson, Garretson, S.D., former outreach consultant, South Dakota School for the Deaf.** Olson's previous experience at the South Dakota School for the Deaf includes five years as an instructor, eight years as the school's principal, and most recently as an outreach consultant in 2004-06. He also served as dean and project director at Saint Paul College, a community/technical college that serves as a regional center for postsecondary training of deaf students, and as director of special services at Iowa Western Community College. Olson has a M.S. degree in math and physics from The University of South Dakota and a B.S. degree in math and physics from the University of Sioux Falls. He holds principal and superintendent endorsements from South Dakota State University, and studied deaf education at both Gallaudet University and Augustana College.

Copies of finalists' professional vitae are posted at www.sdbor.edu/sdsd/SuperintendentSearch. The Board of Regents will meet in executive session with the finalists during their school visits. No action will be taken at these meetings.