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

BRITTON, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Britton by District 1 lawmakers.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Britton-Hecla Arena lobby, located on the north end of Main Street in Britton. Representatives of the South Dakota Board of Regents, its staff, and public university presidents will be on hand to visit with area residents. The public is invited to attend.

“In today’s world, businesses develop where there is a highly-educated and talented workforce,” said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett. “To be competitive in a global economy, South Dakota’s higher education system must respond to this ever-changing work environment. Through the continual re-evaluation of what we deliver at the public universities, and by developing new programs to meet new needs, the regents are able to quickly respond to these challenges.”

Regents’ officials said they are glad to have the opportunity to come to Britton, especially since a similar town meeting scheduled in 2005 had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Rep. Clayton Halverson, Sen. Gary Hanson, and Rep. David Sigdestad, who extended the invitation to the regents to meet in Britton, said the ideas exchanged at this meeting will help South Dakota’s public higher education system better plan for the future.