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## **Gov. Rounds Appoints Schaefer to Board of Regents**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Mike Rounds has appointed Randy Schaefer of Madison to the South Dakota Board of Regents.

“Randy brings a solid business perspective to the Board. That expertise will be essential as the Board of Regents plans for future programs and degrees that will be necessary in our changing world,” said Gov. Rounds.

“Throughout my life, I’ve been deeply influenced by educators, from my father whose first and only career was education, to teachers, coaches, and administrators at every level. I’ve been blessed to have developed and maintained great friendships with educators all over the state of South Dakota. I’m committed to facing challenges and seeking opportunities to help move South Dakota’s education system forward with the Board of Regents,” said Randy Schaefer.

Schaefer is a 1984 Dakota State University (DSU) graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He is a State Farm Insurance agent in Madison where he has achieved many accomplishments, including the Top 100 New Agents Club, Agency Masters Club, and the Regional Vice President’s Club. He is an active member of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors, South Dakota Retailers, Madison’s Chamber of Commerce, and the Lake Area Development Association. Schaefer currently serves on the DSU Foundation Board of Trustees. He has remained active through Junior Achievement and other volunteer work at various schools and at athletic events.

Schaefer’s wife, Theresa, is employed at East River Electric Power Cooperative Inc., in Madison. They have three children. Kristen and her husband, Adam Ericsson, are students at The University Center in Sioux Falls and on campus at The University of South Dakota (USD). Kari graduated from Dakota State University and is in the Occupational Therapy program at USD. Robert will be a junior at Black Hills State University this fall. Their two grandchildren, Sam and Oscar Ericsson, reside with their parents in Sioux Falls.

Schaefer will begin his first term immediately. He fills a position previously held by Dr. Richard Belatti.