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## **District 5 Lawmakers Host Board of Regents at Watertown**

WATERTOWN, S.D. – A town meeting on South Dakota public higher education is being hosted Monday, Sept. 19, in Watertown by District 5 lawmakers.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in room 722 of Lake Area Technical Institute's new Automotive and Construction Technology (ACT) Center, located at the corner of Third Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Watertown. 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.

“As a public university system, we know that job-one is to deliver the kind of quality higher education that produces a competitive workforce and results in a stronger South Dakota economy,” said Regents President Kathryn Johnson. “Through the continual re-evaluation of what we deliver at the public universities, and by developing new programs to meet new needs, we position ourselves to quickly respond to these challenges. We encourage local residents to join us for an informal conversation about the role higher education plays in meeting South Dakota’s needs.”

Rep. Roger Solem, Rep. Melissa Magstadt, and Sen. Reid Holien, who extended the invitation to meet in Watertown, said the ideas exchanged at this meeting will help South Dakota’s public higher education system better plan for the future.

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