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## **Sutton Steps Down From Board of Regents**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Board of Regents announced today that Bob Sutton of Sioux Falls has resigned from his position on the South Dakota Board of Regents. On May 31<sup>st</sup> Sutton was named president and CEO of Avera Health.

“It has been a true pleasure serving on the Board of Regents. I put great value on higher education and am pleased that during my time on the board I was able to help shape it here in South Dakota,” said Sutton.

“I thank Bob Sutton for his leadership of the university system over the past five years. Bob has been a great advocate for our state universities and their students, and I wish him all the best in his new role,” said Gov. Dugaard.

Sutton’s resignation from the Board of Regents is effective Monday, June 4th. The Governor will name a successor as soon as possible to complete Sutton’s term, which ends in 2019.

“Bob has been an excellent and irreplaceable leader for the regents and a great champion for public higher education in South Dakota,” said Regents Vice President Kevin Schieffer. “We understand Bob’s need to concentrate all his time on this huge CEO position, which is also incredibly important for our state, but as a friend and leader on this Board he will be sorely missed. Our great loss is Avera’s gain. On behalf of everyone on the Board, our congratulations and best wishes go to President Sutton.”

Sutton has served on the Board of Regents, the constitutional governing body for South Dakota’s six public universities and two special K-12 schools serving deaf and blind students, since April 2013. He served as the board’s president from March 2017 to present.