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## **Forney Named System Vice President of Finance and Administration**

PIERRE, S.D. – Heather Forney will become the next system vice president of finance and administration for the South Dakota Board of Regents. The appointment, effective Sept. 9, was announced today.

Forney is currently the vice president of finance and administration at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, where she has worked since 2014. In her new role, she returns to the regents' central office, where she previously served as the higher education system's finance director. She replaces Monte Kramer, who has announced his retirement next month.

"We are pleased to welcome Heather back to Pierre and the regents' central office," said Paul B. Beran, the regents' executive director and CEO. "She is a talented chief financial officer and a strong voice for fiscal accountability in our public university system."

As system vice president, Forney will provide policy direction, support, and oversight of a \$800 million budget serving 33,000 students and more than 5,000 employees at six public universities and two schools for special K-12 populations.

"It is an honor to be returning to the Board of Regents," Forney said. "I look forward to this new opportunity and working with a talented management team at the central office. I'm committed to building upon my predecessor's history of strong financial stewardship within the Board of Regents' system."

Forney brings extensive experience to her new position. In addition to her previous work for the Board of Regents, she served in Pierre as deputy executive director for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. She also has worked in academia as an adjunct instructor of economics and accounting. She holds master's and bachelor's degrees in accounting, both from the University of South Dakota.