

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – I

DATE: April 2-4, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY20 Special Schools Nonresident Tuition

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[SDCL 13-53-6](#)

[BOR Policy 5:5 Tuition and Fees: General Procedures](#)

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Nonresident Tuition

The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SDSB&VI) annually reviews its instructional and residential costs to determine an appropriate tuition rate for nonresident students who may attend the school. SDSBVI currently has two students attending the school from Minnesota. Because no additional staffing is required to provide instruction for the two nonresident children currently enrolled at the school, the rates represent about 65% of the instructional cost that include superintendent, principal, staffing, and resource costs. The residential costs are based on annual food service and residential costs for each resident student. The burden is on the local school district to pay for both the tuition and residence costs. The two students are from the same school district.

The current tuition rate at SDSB&VI is \$36,433 for instructional costs and \$14,726 for residential care. An inflationary increase is applied to cover salary policy, CPI on operating expenses and the increase in health benefit cost per benefit eligible employee.

The Bureau of Finance and Management calculated the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the last fiscal year at 2.2%.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that the inflationary increase be applied to the FY19 rates to set the FY20 rates.

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DRAFT MOTION 20190402_7-I:

I move to approve the FY20 nonresident instructional tuition rate to be \$37,235 and the residence cost to be set at \$15,050 for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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Special Schools Tuition and Residential Rates

	FY19 Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase	Proposed FY20 Rate
Instructional	\$36,433	\$802	2.2%	\$37,235
Residence	<u>\$14,726</u>	<u>\$324</u>	2.2%	<u>\$15,050</u>
Total	\$51,159	\$1,126		\$52,285

ATTACHMENTS

None