

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – D
DATE: August 7-8, 2019

SUBJECT

Special Schools Update

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Superintendent Marjorie Kaiser will provide an update on both the South Dakota School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (SDSBVI) and the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD), focusing on both building/renovations, strategic planning and next priorities.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the move to its new facility, the SDSBVI school calendar will be altered slightly. Students will go home at Thanksgiving break and return the third week in January. The school day will be increased by 16 minutes throughout the year to meet the state required class time minimums. Staff from all departments will assist with the move. Superintendent Kaiser will provide photos of the building and its layout at the Board's August meeting.

Due to the change in facilities, there will be a disruption of audiology services at the SDSD in Sioux Falls during the time it takes to disassemble, move and reassemble the sound booth. Since this needs to be done by a vendor, it will be dependent on the facility renovation timetable and vendor's schedule. There will be minimal change in outreach services beyond setting up new offices. Superintendent Kaiser will provide floor plans at the Board's August meeting

Both schools are in the final phases of strategic planning and Superintendent Kaiser will have the documents ready for the Board's review in October.

ATTACHMENTS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM