

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Joint BOR / BOES / BOTE Meeting

**REVISED
AGENDA ITEM: 3
DATE: December 9-10, 2020**

SUBJECT

Joint Board Meeting to Focus on Attainment – Setting the Stage for Success through Student Enrollment and Student Success

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Board of Regents, Board of Education Standards, and the Board of Technical Education will hold a joint meeting to discuss various topics related to their partnership on achieving state attainment goals. The following topics are included in the agenda:

- A. FAFSA Completion – Pathways to Success
 - 1) FAFSA Impact to Student Enrollment
 - 2) FAFSA Impact to Student Access
 - 3) FAFSA Impact to Student Success
- B. High School Dual Credit (HSDC)
 - 1) Review of Success/Partnerships
 - 2) Review of College Readiness
 - 3) Review of Barriers (if they exist)
 - 4) Future Needs for HSDC
- C. Articulation Agreements
 - 1) Review of Success/Partnerships
 - 2) Review of Workforce Needs
 - 3) Review of Barriers (if they exist)
- D. Policy Round Table

Catherine (Cathy) Mueller from Mapping Your Future will join the boards as a guest speaker to present topics related to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This presentation will take approximately 40 minutes and will focus on needs around the FAFSA including partnership opportunities for the boards to consider.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Guest Speaker Biography:

Catherine Mueller is the Executive Director of [Mapping Your Future](#), a South Dakota incorporated nonprofit organization.

With support from the South Dakota Education Access Foundation, Catherine oversees Mapping Your Future's programs to encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education and FAFSA completion in the state. In addition to services provided in South Dakota, Mapping Your Future provides college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services nationally.

Catherine has been included as a source for articles on higher education and financial aid issues and has presented at numerous conferences. She has previously worked in higher education, communications, journalism, and public relations. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication from the University of Delaware and a Master's in Digital Communications from the University of North Texas.

Following the FAFSA discussion, staff will facilitate a short presentation on both the High School Dual Credit program and Articulation partnerships. The presentation will be followed by a dialog among the boards.

The policy round table will include thoughts from executive leaders of each board on action items taken from the meeting discussion.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

This joint board meeting will create an avenue to share ideas and discuss important topics as they relate to attainment and academic goals for the boards.

ATTACHMENTS

None