

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

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AGENDA ITEM: 42

DATE: April 1-2, 2015

SUBJECT: FY16 Special Schools Non-Resident Tuition

The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SDSBVI) annually reviews its instructional and residential costs to determine an appropriate tuition rate for non-resident students who may attend the school. The residential costs are based on annual food service, residential, and nursing costs for each resident student. The instructional costs are based on annual superintendent, principal, business office, instruction, library, and physical plant costs for all students. No additional staffing is required to provide instruction or residential care for the non-resident children currently enrolled at the school. South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has three students from North Dakota for this academic year.

The South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) programs through the Brandon and Harrisburg School Districts have only day students.

The current tuition rate at SDSBVI is \$34,146 for instructional costs and \$13,802 for residential care. This rate is reflective of the current costs for these areas. It is recommended that the rate increase by inflation.

Special Schools

	<u>FY15 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY16 Rate</u>
Instructional	\$34,146.00	\$529.00	1.55%	\$34,675.00
Residence	<u>\$13,802.00</u>	<u>\$214.00</u>	1.55%	<u>\$14,016.00</u>
Total	\$47,948.00	\$743.00		\$48,691.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the FY16 Special Schools Non-Resident Tuition rate at \$34,675 for instructional costs and \$14,016 for residential care.