

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning and Resource Development

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – F

DATE: August 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Statewide Education Attainment Goal Resolution

At the August 2015 Planning Session, Dr. Daniel Palmer, System Director of Institutional Research, presented on job growth and workforce development. The supporting agenda item outlined data from a 2013 Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce report forecasting changes in South Dakota based on a transition toward a knowledge-based, service – based economy. Following this discussion, the Board reviewed a formal action item at their October 2015 meeting, adopting a provisional attainment goal of 65% of South Dakotans, aged 25-34, holding some form of postsecondary credential by the year 2025 with the 65% measure adjustable pending input from partners and other stakeholders.

Dr. Rush and central office staff worked during the 2015-16 academic year to facilitate additional stakeholder engagement consistent with the provisional goal adopted by the Board. The Workforce Development Council voted to support the attainment in December of 2015. The Board of Education gave their support for the goal at their May 2016 meeting. Governor Daugaard voiced his support in his 2016 State of the State address.

During the August 2016 Planning Session, Scott Jenkins and Susan Heegaard from the Lumina Foundation joined the Board to discuss attainment trends in South Dakota and Lumina’s State Policy Agenda, and to engage in discussion surrounding strategies for moving forward towards achieving the attainment goal.

DRAFT MOTION 20160804_5-F: I move to formally adopt a statewide postsecondary education attainment goal of 65% of South Dakota citizens, aged 25-34, holding a postsecondary credential by the year 2025.