

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Full Board

AGENDA ITEM: K - 4

DATE: April 2-3, 2009

SUBJECT: FY10 Special Schools Tuition and Fees

The South Dakota School for the Deaf and the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired each year analyze their instructional and residential costs to create an equitable tuition rate for non-resident students who attend one of the two schools. 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 schools.

The current tuition rate is \$27,990 for instructional costs and \$11,312 for residential care. The increase has traditionally gone up by the amount of the state tuition.

	<u>FY09 Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed FY10 Rate</u>
Instructional	\$27,990	\$1,120	\$29,110
Residence	<u>\$11,312</u>	<u>\$452</u>	<u>\$11,764</u>
Total Cost	\$39,302	\$1,572	\$40,874

South Dakota School for the Deaf currently has only resident students. South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has one non-resident student. The student is an instructional student and at times resides on campus.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the FY10 Special Schools Non-Resident Tuition rate at \$29,110 for instructional costs and \$11,764 for residential care.