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## SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

**PIERRE** – The Special Education Interim Legislative Committee, chaired by Rep. Nancy Rasmussen (R-Hurley), will hold its second meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, beginning at 10 a.m. (CT) in the Avera Hall of the USD Community College (formerly known as the University Center) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The interim committee was created through the passage of Senate Bill 3 by the 2019 Legislature. Members will review and discuss the information shared at the last meeting and receive an update on the status of current federal legislation that seeks increased funding for special education. In the afternoon, the committee will hear from Matt Flett, Director of the SD Department of Education's Division of Finance and Management. He will present an overview of the funding levels of the various disability categories in special education and provide information on the out-of-district placement of students whose special education needs cannot be met in the school district in which they live. The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony will be taken in the afternoon.

In addition to Rep. Rasmussen, the committee members are Senator Jim Bolin (R-Canton), Vice Chair; Representatives Fred Deutsch (R-Florence), Sue Peterson (R-Sioux Falls), and Ray Ring (D-Vermillion); and public members Ms. Sarah Carda (Yankton), Ms. Jennifer Conway (Harrisburg), Mr. Tom Culver (Avon), Ms. Lorrie Esmay (Murdo), Dr. Michelle Greseth (Sisseton), Mr. John Hamilton (Sioux Falls), Mr. Dan Martin (Timber Lake), Dr. Kari Oyen (Vermillion), and Mr. Neil Putnam (Mitchell).

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