

April 8, 2013

Jarrold Johnson, Commissioner  
SD School and Public Lands  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD, 57501

### **Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2012 Session**

Dear Commissioner Johnson:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations regarding your FY13 appropriation for dam maintenance and repair. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 25, 2013.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The South Dakota Legislature approved an increase of \$500,000 in general funds for the Office of School and Public Lands in the FY13 General Appropriations Act. The appropriation for dam maintenance and repair is available for two years -- FY13 and FY14.

It was the intent of the 2012 Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the funding **not** be used for studies or assessments, but instead only for actual repair work.

The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations further clarifies that a monitoring system for Richmond Dam lies within the scope of the original legislative intent for the expenditure of the funds as it is a necessary step to ensure downstream safety while determining what future repairs will be needed.

In addition, it is also expected that you will be prepared to address this guideline in your FY15 budget presentation to the Joint Committee next January.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Representative Fred Romkema  
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations



Senator Deb Peters  
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General  
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management