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Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations

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June 12, 2015

Dr. Melody Schopp, Secretary
Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2015 Session

Dear Dr. Schopp:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2015 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on June 10, 2015.

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.

As you know, the Joint Committee approved a letter of intent on March 30, 2015, outlining the distribution of one million dollars in general funds to the postsecondary technical institutes. After discussions with the Department of Education and the technical institutes, the Committee wishes to modify the distribution of the available funds.

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the one-time funding be used to enhance programs that address high-need workforce areas and be distributed equally among the four technical institutes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Representative Justin Cronin
Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

Senator Deb Peters
Vice Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

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