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Letter of Intent Regarding SDSM&T Budget Approved in the 2017 Session

Dear Board of Regents Executive Director Rush and SDSM&T President Heather Wilson:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your budget in the 2017 legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement the budget with specific policy guidance as approved on March 27, 2017.

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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 2017 Legislature approved $250,000 in other fund spending authority for the School of Mines and Technology Math @ Mines program for fiscal year 2018. It is the intent of the Committee that the School of Mines and Technology use privately collected donations, Math @ Mines program participation fees, or other non-campus funds for the Math @ Mines program. It is further the intent of the Committee that no funds will be utilized for the Math @ Mines program that have been collected through existing higher education tuition or fees.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/s/ Senator Tidemann
Senator Larry Tidemann
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

/s/ Representative Anderson
Representative David Anderson
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
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