

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – F

DATE: April 2-3, 2025

SUBJECT

FY26 Special Schools Nonresident Tuition

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[SDCL § 13-53-6](#) – Tuition Rates and Fees

[BOR Policy 5.5](#) – Tuition and Fees: General Procedures

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Nonresident Tuition

The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SDSBVI) annually reviews its instructional and residential costs to determine an appropriate tuition rate for nonresident students who may attend the school. SDSBVI does not currently have any nonresident students in attendance.

The current tuition rate at SDSBVI is \$40,880 for instructional costs and \$16,523 for residential care. An inflationary increase is applied to cover salary policy, CPI on operating expenses, and adjustments to health benefit cost per benefit-eligible employee. The Bureau of Finance and Management (BFM) calculated the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the last fiscal year at 2.40%.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that the inflationary increase be applied to the FY25 rates to set the FY26 rates.

Special Schools Tuition and Residential Rates

	FY25 Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase	Proposed FY25 Rate
Instructional	\$40,880	\$981	2.40%	\$41,861
Residence	<u>\$16,523</u>	<u>\$397</u>	2.40%	<u>\$16,920</u>
Total	\$57,403	\$1,378		\$58,781

ATTACHMENTS

None

DRAFT MOTION 20250402_7-F:

I move to approve the FY26 nonresident instructional tuition rate to be \$41,861 and the residence cost to be set at \$16,920 for the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.