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Statement from David Miles, President, Board of Regents, State of Iowa, regarding final legislative appropriations action

Salary Appropriation in HF 2700

-The Regents' most important budget request by far was for salary funding. This is critically important for our institutions to be able to keep tuition increases to low levels and at the same time attract and retain the best faculty to teach Iowa students, conduct cutting edge research and provide service to Iowa's families and communities. We are grateful that the Governor and the Legislature continued the trend initiated last year by funding the Regents salary needs. This will allow the Regents the opportunity to once again keep tuition increases at a low, stable and predictable rate.

Math and Science Appropriation in HF 2679

-The largest new Regents' budget request was for a collaborative Math and Science initiative that will help our institutions address a critical need for Iowa. The goals of the Math and Science Initiative include improving the mathematics and science performance of Iowa students; preparing more high quality mathematics and science teachers for Iowa's schools; and promoting statewide collaboration and cooperation in math and science education. We are very appreciative that the Governor and the legislature have decided to provide \$4 million to begin this very important initiative.

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