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**Board of Technical Education Sees Enrollment Growth for Fall 2019**

PIERRE, S.D. – According to an enrollment report released today, the fall 2019 unduplicated headcount at South Dakota’s four technical institutes is up 4.3%. The system is relatively flat in full-time equivalent (FTE) students, with seven fewer students than last fall.

The unduplicated headcount for the fall 2019 term is 7,122 students, an increase of 4.3% or 297 students over fall 2018. Unduplicated headcount includes all full-time, part-time, and dual-credit students. The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students in fall 2019, which is based on total credit hours generated by all students in the system, is 5,668 (a decline of seven students over fall 2018).

“South Dakota is home to some of the best technical institutions in the country. Our institutions continue to provide a high-quality technical education that leads to placement in high-paying, rewarding careers.” said Nick Wendell, Executive Director of the South Dakota Board of Technical Education. “While enrollment at two-year colleges trends downward nationally, South Dakota students and families have continued to see the value in pursuing technical degrees. Partnerships with industry leaders, the Governor and state legislators, have allowed our technical institutions to create state-of-the-art environments to prepare the next generation of South Dakota workers.”

South Dakota four technical institutions include Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI), Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI), Southeast Technical Institute (STI), and Western Dakota Technical Institute (WDT).

**South Dakota Technical Institution Enrollment (Fall 2019)**

**Unduplicated Headcount (Full-time, Part-time, Dual-Credit Students)**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Fall 2018</b>	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
LATI	2,245	2,228	-17	-0.7%
MTI	1,223	1,191	-32	-2.6%
STI	2,268	2,456	188	+8.2%
WDT	1,089	1,247	158	+14.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>7,122</b>	<b>+297</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>

**Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Fall 2018</b>	<b>Fall 2019</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
LATI	1,972	1,901	-71	-3.6%
MTI	1,081	1,079	-2	-0.1%
STI	1,848	1,858	+10	+0.5%
WDT	774	830	+56	+7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>