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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — BOARD OF REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

Budget Hearing. On November 28, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Board of Regents institutions. Board President Michael Richards briefly discussed the overall budget requests from the institutions for FY 2019, as summarized in an earlier *Fiscal Update Article*.

State Universities. Presidents Bruce Harreld of the University of Iowa (UI), Mark Nook of the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), and Wendy Wintersteen of Iowa State University (ISU) presented information on their FY 2019 requests. Each university is requesting status quo operational funding, as well as a new appropriation for resident undergraduate financial aid. Both the UI and ISU are requesting \$5.0 million each for this purpose, and the UNI is requesting \$2.0 million. The presidents also highlighted their requests for capital funding.

Special Schools. Superintendent Steve Gettel presented information on the FY 2019 request for the lowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The request includes an increase of 4.0% and a new appropriation of \$245,000 for the Northeast Regional Academy for Blind and Deaf Students in Charles City, Iowa. The Academy has been operating on a three-year grant through the Department of Education that expires at the end of FY 2018.

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