

Senator **Chuck Welke** (D) – District 02

Senator Chuck Welke served as an educator for over thirty-five years in SD. He has been a teacher, a coach, an athletic director, and an administrator. Following the 2010 school year Senator Welke retired to spend time with his elderly parents and grandchildren. He also enjoys going back into the classroom as a substitute teacher. In 2012 he was elected to the SD State Senate. The former government teacher serves on the following committees: Education, Taxation, and Retirement Law.

Chuck and his wife Ellen will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary in August. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. The Welkes live in Warner, SD, which is ten miles south of Aberdeen. He represents District Two.