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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"It's one thing to follow your master's agenda, but it's another thing entirely to trash the opposition's reputation by insinuation with more gusto than Phyllis Diller telling Fang jokes. Which earns Smith the title of greatest tool today in Louisiana politics." -*LSUS Political Science Professor and blogger Jeff Sadow on BESE Board member Jane Smith's Facebook postings about State Superintendent John White.*

Dear Johnette,

The fight between the BESE Board and Governor Bobby Jindal over the Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessment continues to escalate with both sides moving forward on the legal front. Today the BESE board voted to join a lawsuit against the Governor that was filed last week by concerned parents and teachers. BESE Board Chairman Chas Roemer said, "They are going to be arguing the constitutional authority of BESE. We should be in the room when they do." ***For more on the BESE decision read here.***

Meanwhile, Governor Jindal filed his own suit today seeking to invalidate the state's memorandum of understanding (MOU) with PARCC. Jindal's attorney claims the agreement is unconstitutional, but Roemer says otherwise. "They are going to use every tool they have to delay and cause chaos." ***For more on the Governor's lawsuit click here.***

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Money Magazine has named Louisiana Tech one of the best college values in the country. Out of 1500 four-year colleges in the nation, Tech was ranked number 154. In Louisiana, only LSU in Baton Rouge was ranked higher. ***KTBS-TV, 07.29.14***

Louisiana Higher Education News

- Employees of LSU in Baton Rouge, the LSU law school, and LSU Agriculture Center will receive a 3% merit pay raise this fall. This raise follows a 4% raise for the flagship campus last year. ***The Advocate, 07.27.14***
- Members of the Southern University Faculty Senate in Baton Rouge are publicly blaming system President Ron Mason for the school's serious fiscal problems. Senate Vice President Albert Samuels told a crowd, "We say



that he is the problem." ***The Advocate, 07.26.14***

National Higher Education News

- A former professor at Yale University is discouraging parents, in a piece in the New Republic, from sending their kids to Ivy League schools. "Elite schools like to boast they teach their students how to think, but all they mean is that they train them in the analytic and rhetorical skills that are necessary for success in business and the professions." ***The New Republic, 07.21.14***

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Sincerely,

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