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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

" Governor Bobby Jindal is willing to spend \$275,000 of Louisiana Taxpayers' money - maybe more - to try to keep students here from being compared academically to children in other states. He is wasting the public's money. His fight against Common Core academic standards is irresponsible and unlikely to prevail." - *Editorial Board of New Orleans Times-Picayune.*

Dear Johnette,

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal went to federal court last week to file suit against President Barack Obama for his efforts to allegedly coerce states to adopt Common Core. Following the filing, Jindal released a statement saying, "The federal government has hijacked and destroyed the Common Core initiative. Common Core is the latest effort by big government disciples to strip away state rights and put Washington, D.C. in control of everything." [*For more on the lawsuit click here.*](#)

In an editorial that ran over the weekend, The Washington Post ridiculed the lawsuit calling it a "misguided lawsuit against the Obama Administration that even those who share Mr. Jindal's newly discovered disdain for the Common Core give little chance of success." [*Click here for the Washington Post's editorial.*](#)

Back in Louisiana, newspapers were most concerned about the legal costs associated with the long-shot lawsuit which are already hovering around \$275,000. The Editorial Board of the New Orleans Times-Picayune wrote this weekend, "Unfortunately for Louisiana residents, he is going to spend a lot of their money to be told 'no' by another judge." [*For the full NOLA.com editorial click here.*](#)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- An LSU Medical School in Shreveport program aimed at treating arthritis and rheumatism has been named a "Center of Excellence" by the Board of Regents. To receive the designation, the program had to demonstrate community support, a strong education and research record, and service to the surrounding area. [*Shreveport Times, 08.27.14*](#)
- The Board of Regents has also approved a new graduate degree in nursing and management at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The degree will focus



on gerontological nursing and supervising medical care for the elderly. [***Shreveport Times, 08.27.14***](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Louisiana Board of Regents has 25 names to review for the job of Commissioner of Higher Education, but since not all candidates have been contacted regarding interest, the list has not been released. Some candidates were nominated by others. Names will reportedly be made public once Regents begin narrowing the field. [***The Advocate, 08.28.14***](#)
- The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is acknowledging a considerable gender pay gap among faculty. According to a story in a local newspaper, female members make 23% less than males, and the disparity is largely due to faculty rank. Three times as many men hold the highest faculty rank as women. [***Lafayette Advertiser, 08.30.14***](#)

National Higher Education News

- After first year enrollments at law schools around the country dipped in 2013 to their lowest levels in 40 years, some law schools started cutting prices this fall. Moody's Investor Service writes, "We do not anticipate the published reductions to result in a sustained increase in demand, though there may be a short-term benefit as price transparency is enhanced." [***The Wall Street Journal, 09.02.14***](#)

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Sincerely,

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