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August 31, 2011

The Honorable Ben W. Nevers
State Senate
724 Avenue F
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Dear Senator Nevers:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011. The document was approved by the Board of Regents at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 24, 2011.

The Master Plan sets three critical goals and activities for our state:

1. Increase the educational attainment of the State's adult population to the Southern Regional Education Board states' average by 2025;
2. Invest strategically in university research; and
3. Achieve greater efficiency and accountability in the postsecondary education system.

This document not only sets a vision for improvement for Louisiana's colleges and universities. It also outlines 18 objectives, 71 activities and 65 performance measures to achieve these goals.

I hope that you will review the Master Plan and the related brochure included in this mailing. The information will also be available September 9th on the Board of Regents' website under the Planning and Research's Master Plan link.

<http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=20&pnid=0&nid=6>

Thank you for sharing this information with your members. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Purcell". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jim Purcell, Ed.
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment