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The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Governor, State of Louisiana  
PO Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Jindal:

During the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, Act 1202 requested that the Board of Regents make a written report to analyze various aspects of the TOPS program including the relationship between the high school courses taken and the student's score on the American College Test (ACT); the number of high school graduates who are eligible for TOPS and subsequently enroll in college; and the persistence, retention, and graduation rates of TOPS students as compared to non-TOPS students.

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents on December 6, 2012, the Board received and endorsed the Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2003-2012. I have attached a copy of the report for your review.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me concerning this response or any other matters relating to higher education. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Jim Purcell, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment