



Louisiana: Jeb Bush Calls and Billionaire Dollars Follow

John White spent two years as a teacher with Teach for America. He later became an executive director of TFA in both Chicago and New Jersey and a deputy superintendent in New York City under “reform” chancellor, Joel Klein.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal decided he wanted White as his state superintendent. White stood for all that Jindal supported: charter school and voucher expansion, grading teachers and schools using student standardized test scores, and promoting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) along with their associated Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests. Former state superintendent Paul Pastorek was stepping down, and Jindal wanted White to take his place.

The only problem was that Jindal did not believe that Louisiana’s then current state board, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), would deliver enough votes in support of White.

In Louisiana, the state superintendent is determined by a supermajority of BESE members—at least eight out of the total eleven must vote a candidate into office for the four years that the BESE members are themselves in office. After every election, the new board gets to keep the present superintendent in place or choose another.

Jindal communicated the problem of a lack of votes for White to Jeb Bush, who used his nonprofit, Foundation for

Excellence in Education (FEE), to put his superintendents’ association, Chiefs for Change (C4C), on call to help get the votes. In October of 2011, Donald Cohen of the watchdog group, In the Public Interest (IPI), submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for email correspondence from C4C to state superintendents. Among those emails was one by then-FEE director, Patricia Lavesque, to C4C superintendents, informing them that there was a BESE election coming up in Louisiana. Lavesque’s email stated that the election outcome would influence who was chosen as next state superintendent; that Jindal wanted White as next superintendent; and that Bush “is lending his support/endorsement” for Jindal’s preference for White. Lavesque also attached an Advocate article featuring candidates running for seven BESE seats.

Word among the deep-pocketed, corporate education reformers quickly spread. As a result, the 2011 BESE election garnered an unprecedented influx of out-of-state money for certain candidates, prompting an October 2012 article in *The Nation* on the 2011 BESE race, entitled, “Why Do Some of America’s Wealthiest Individuals Have Fingers in Louisiana’s Education System?”

From New York to California, the money poured into the race. Michael Bloomberg, contributed \$100,000 to the Alliance for Better Classrooms (ABC) PAC, all of which went to “advertising and consulting” for unspecified BESE candidates expected to support charters, vouchers, and teacher evaluations using

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student test scores. [He also contributed \\$100,000 to the Future PAC, \\$67,000 of which paid for advertising](#) for the BESE campaign of New Orleans TFA executive, Kira Orange-Jones's. [Bloomberg gave another \\$90,000 to the Keep New Orleans Moving Forward PAC](#) to buy television ads for Orange-Jones. Additionally, he directly gave Orange-Jones \$10,000 in the form of two \$5,000 contributions (see [here](#) and [here](#)). Kira Orange-Jones won her seat, which strategically covered part of the New Orleans area.

Bloomberg also contributed \$5,000 each to two unsuccessful BESE candidates, Russell Armstrong and Glenn Lee Buquet, and an additional \$5,000 each to two other successful BESE candidates, Jay Guillot and Holly Boffy.

Bloomberg was not the lone out-of-state billionaire contributor to the 2011 BESE election. Californian Eli Broad contributed [\\$10,000 to the ABC PAC](#) (for "consulting and advertising" and "research") and [\\$5,000 to Orange-Jones](#). Former Enron trader and Texas billionaire, John Arnold, and his wife, Laura, contributed notable cash as well. Laura Arnold's support included [\\$10,000 to the ABC PAC, \\$5,000 to Orange-Jones, and \\$5,000 to Chas Roemer](#), whose sister is the [CEO of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools](#). John Arnold added [another \\$5,000 to Orange-Jones and \\$5,000 to Chas Roemer](#).

Finally, Walmart heirs, siblings Alice and Jim Walton, contributed a combined \$125,000 ([\\$75,000 from Alice](#)

[Walton and \\$50,000 from Jim Walton](#)) to the Louisiana Federation for Children PAC), which supported 35 candidates in various Louisiana races, including 5 BESE candidates ([James Garvey, Kira Orange-Jones, Holly Boffy, Chas Roemer, and Jay Guillot](#)), all of whom not only promoted the privatization agenda but also won. Carrie Walton Penner contributed \$5,000 directly to Kira Orange-Jones, and [Greg Penner, contributed another \\$5,000 to Orange-Jones' campaign](#).

Orange-Jones benefited the most from the 2011 BESE out-of-state, billionaire money flow; in addition to the contributions from Bloomberg, Broad, the Arnolds, and the Waltons/ Penners, [Hastings](#) added \$5,000, and Teach for All CEO, Walter Isaacson, contributed \$2,000 ([here, here and here](#)). California venture capitalist Arthur Rock contributed \$1,000 to Orange-Jones and followed by an additional [\\$500. Michelle Rhee's StudentsFirst gave Orange-Jones \\$5,000 as well](#).

Furthermore, in-state money entered the election race as well although it was dwarfed by out-of-state contributions. The most notable contributor was the Grigsby family, whose members combined with the family business (Cajun Industries) contributed nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

In the end, five of the seven BESE seats were filled by corporate-reform-minded members more than willing to approve John White as state superintendent.

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Table 1: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to PACs in the 2011 BESE election

ALLIANCE FOR BETTER CLASS-ROOMS, ABC INC.	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/18/2011	\$100,000.00
Eli Broad	11/16/2011	\$10,000.00
Laura Arnold	11/04/2011	\$10,000.00

LOUISIANA FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN PAC	DATE	AMOUNT
Alice Walton	10/06/2011	\$75,000.00
Jim Walton	10/06/2011	\$50,000.00
J.C. Huizenga (Michigan Charter School Chain Owner)	06/30/2010	\$10,000.00
John Kirtley (Florida venture capitalist/ Florida tax credit supporter)	06/08/2010	\$6,000.00
Ravenel Curry IV	12/22/2011	\$25,000.00
Alice Walton	11/16/2011	\$90,000.00

FUTURE PAC	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/20/2011	\$100,000.00

ALL CHILDREN MATTER LA STATE PAC *INDIRECTLY TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES	DATE	AMOUNT
Alice Walton	03/14/2009	\$28,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

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Table 2: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAMES GARVEY - DISTRICT 1	DATE	AMOUNT
StudentsFirst, Inc.	09/29/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES - DISTRICT 2	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/19/2011	\$5,000.00
	11/15/2011	\$5,000.00
Eli Broad	11/28/2011	\$5,000.00
Laura Arnold	11/05/2011	\$5,000.00
John Arnold	10/25/2011	\$4,000.00
	10/21/2011	\$1,000.00
Carrie Walton Penner	10/14/2011	\$5,000.00
Greg Penner	10/14/2011	\$5,000.00
Reed Hastings	11/17/2011	\$5,000.00
Arthur Rock (California venture capitalist and education reform donor)	09/27/2011	\$500.00
	11/15/2011	\$1,000.00
StudentsFirst, Inc.	09/15/2011	\$5,000.00
Katherine Bradley (KIPP and Teach for America DC-Region board member)	10/14/2011	\$2,500.00
	10/14/2011	\$2,500.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLENNY LEE BUQUET - DISTRICT 3	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/20/2011	\$5,000.00

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Table 2 continued: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOHN ALLEN (JAY) GUILLOT - DISTRICT 5	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/21/2011	\$5,000.00
K12 Management, Inc	10/18/2011	\$1,000.00
Charter Schools USA	10/17/2011	\$2,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHAS ROEMER - DISTRICT 6	DATE	AMOUNT
Laura Arnold	11/07/2011	\$5,000.00
John Arnold	11/07/2011	\$5,000.00
StudentsFirst, Inc	09/15/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLLY BOFFY - DISTRICT 7	DATE	AMOUNT
K12 Management, Inc	10/19/2011	\$1,000.00
Michael Bloomberg	10/19/2011	\$5,000.00
Charter Schools USA	10/17/2011 06/10/2011	\$1,500.00 \$2,500.00
StudentsFirst, Inc	09/15/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAROLYN HILL - DISTRICT 8	DATE	AMOUNT
Charter Schools USA	11/18/2011	\$3,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

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Table 3: Top 5 Out-of-State Contributors to BESE Candidates and PACs that Supported BESE Candidates

TOP FIVE OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTORS	AMOUNT
Walton Family	\$253,000.00
Michael Bloomberg	\$225,000.00
John and Laura Arnold	\$30,000.00
StudentsFirst, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Eli Broad	\$15,000.00

Table 4: Notable In-State Contributors to PACs in the 2011 BESE election

ALLIANCE FOR BETTER CLASSROOMS, ABC INC.	DATE	AMOUNT
Barbara Grigsby (Lane Grigsby's wife)	10/13/2011	\$100,000.00
Todd Grigsby (Lane Grigsby's son)	08/16/2011	\$20,000.00
Cajun Industries (Grigsby family business)	10/17/2011	\$90,000.00

LOUISIANA FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN PAC	DATE	AMOUNT
Cajun Industries (founded by Lane Grigsby)	09/21/2011	\$25,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

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Table 5: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAMES GARVEY - DISTRICT 1	DATE	AMOUNT
Leslie Jacobs (BESE member for 12 years/one of the architects of the Recovery School District/founder of Educate Now!)	09/10/2011	\$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/13/2011	\$1,000.00
Bobby Jindal Campaign Committee LLC	09/02/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES - DISTRICT 2	DATE	AMOUNT
Stephen Rosenthal (Leslie Jacobs's brother/treasurer for FirstLine Schools' board and KIPP New Orleans' board/ chairperson of the New Schools for New Orleans board and the Collegiate Academies board)	11/08/2011	\$5,000.00
	10/13/2011	\$1,000.00
	09/25/2011	\$2,000.00
	08/26/2011	\$2,000.00
Sandra Rosenthal (Stephen Rosenthal's wife)	11/08/2011	\$5,000.00
	10/11/2011	\$1,000.00
	09/25/2011	\$2,000.00
	08/26/2011	\$2,000.00
Gray Parker (President of the Brooth-Bricker fund which funds education reform efforts in LA)	11/05/2011	\$5,000.00
	08/26/2011	\$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/18/2011	\$2,500.00

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Table 5 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES - DISTRICT 2		
	DATE	AMOUNT
Leslie Jacobs	10/26/2011	\$5,000.00
	10/17/2011	\$2,000.00
	09/25/2011	\$2,000.00
	08/22/2011	\$1,000.00
	10/17/2011	\$2,000.00
Lane Grigsby	08/23/2011	\$2,500.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLENNY LEE BUQUET - DISTRICT 3		
	DATE	AMOUNT
Scott Jacobs (Leslie Jacob's husband)	09/22/2011	\$5,000.00
Bobby Jindal Campaign Committee	09/19/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOHN ALLEN (JAY) GUILLOT - DISTRICT 5		
	DATE	AMOUNT
Todd Grigsby	10/17/2011	\$2,500.00
Cajun Industries LLC	10/17/2011	\$2,500.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/12/2011	\$2,500.00
ISC Constructors, LLC (company founded by Eddie Rispone, Louisiana Federation for Children chairman)	10/11/2011	\$5,000.00

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Table 5 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHAS ROEMER - DISTRICT 6	DATE	AMOUNT
Leslie Jacobs	11/03/2011	\$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/20/2011	\$2,500.00
Gray Parker	09/26/2011	\$5,000.00
Stephen Rosenthal	08/23/2011	\$5,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	08/17/2011	\$2,000.00
	10/11/2011	\$3,000.00
	11/03/2011	\$5,000.00
Bobby Jindal Campaign Committee LLC	08/15/2011	\$2,500.00
	09/06/2011	\$2,500.00
	11/04/2011	\$5,000.00
	11/05/2011	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLLY BOFFY - DISTRICT 7	DATE	AMOUNT
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/13/2011	\$2,500.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	10/17/2011	\$2,500.00
	07/13/2011	\$2,500.00
Gray Parker	09/26/2011	\$5,000.00
Leslie Jacobs	09/02/2011	\$2,500.00
Scott Jacobs	09/02/2011	\$2,500.00
Stephen Rosenthal	09/02/2011	\$5,000.00
Bobby Jindal Campaign Committee	08/29/2011	\$2,500.00
	08/25/2011	\$2,500.00
Cajun Industries	06/28/2011	\$5,000.00

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Table 5 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2011 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAROLYN HILL - DISTRICT 8	DATE	AMOUNT
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/28/2011	\$1,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	11/17/2011	\$5,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

Table 6: Top 5 In-State Contributors to 2011 BESE Candidates and PACs that Supported BESE Candidates

TOP FIVE IN-STATE CONTRIBUTORS	AMOUNT
Grigsby Family and Business	\$247,500.00
Jacobs/Rosenthal families	\$62,000.00
BobbyJindal Campaign Committee	\$35,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	\$25,000.00
Gray Parker	\$20,000.00

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When the 2015 BESE election occurred four years later, the out-of-state billionaire donors ponied up cash again. This time, most of the money flowed through Lane Grigsby's Empower Louisiana PAC. Grigsby alone contributed millions to the race. Michael Bloomberg contributed an astounding \$1.45 million in the form of two disbursements (\$800,000 and \$650,000); Jim and Alice Walton contributed a combined \$650,000; and Eli Broad tossed in \$250,000. The focus of Grigsby's PAC was to oppose two BESE candidates (Mary Harris and Kathy Edmondston) and support two candidates (Tony Davis and Jason Engen), with Harris and Davis vying for the same seat, and Edmonston and Engen doing the same. In the end, one of Grigsby's candidates, Davis, won. Edmonston, who opposed the Grigsby-favored candidate, won the other seat.

Leading up to the 2015 election, members of the Walton family (Jim \$100,000 and Alice \$100,000) and the DeVos family, Betsy \$100,000 and Dick \$100,000, contributed to the Louisiana Federation for Children PAC. Two more large contributions to the PAC came from other prominent

Michigan GOP donors and DeVos allies. McKinley Associates, Inc. - founded by now chairman of the Michigan GOP and close ally of Dick DeVos, Ron Weiser - contributed \$100,000; and Kojaian Management - founded by Michigan Bush campaign finance chairman, Michael Kojaian - contributed another \$100,000. And finally, Doris Fisher contributed another \$100,000 for a total of \$700,000 from big outside donors to an in-state PAC that endorsed the 2015 BESE reform candidates.

Again, in-state contributions also played a big role—the Grigsby family contributed nearly \$2,000,000, and the Rispone family and its construction business, ISC Constructors, gave \$334,000. Unlike 2011, the 2015 election did not yield the necessary eight out of eleven BESE votes for John White to secure the four-year renewal of his employment contract as Louisiana state superintendent. At the same time, there were not enough votes to replace him. Thus, John White became, and still is, a month-to-month-employed state superintendent. ■

Table 7: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to PACs in the 2015 BESE election

IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/24/2014	\$100,000.00

EMPOWER LOUISIANA PAC MAJOR DONORS	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/02/2015	\$800,000.00
	11/09/2015	\$650,000.00
Action Now Initiative (501(c)(4) advocacy organization that works in conjunction with the John and Laura Arnold Foundation)	09/18/2015	\$625,000.00
	11/05/2015	\$17,500.00

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Table 7 continued: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to PACs in the 2015 BESE election

EMPOWER LOUISIANA PAC MAJOR DONORS	DATE	AMOUNT
Eli Broad	09/10/2015	\$250,000.00
Jim Walton	08/20/2015	\$200,000.00
	11/17/2015	\$250,000.00
Alice Walton	08/20/2015	\$200,000.00

DFER-LA	DATE	AMOUNT
Alice Walton	11/19/2015	\$50,000.00
Education Reform Now/Education Reform Now Advocacy	06/04/2015	\$5,800.00
	08/14/2015	\$4,300.00

STAND FOR CHILDREN LA , IEC	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/24/2014	\$100,000.00
	11/18/2014	\$68,600.00
Jim Walton	08/20/2015	\$250,000.00
Action Now Initiative	09/16/2015	\$125,000.00
Smarter America, A Project of the Sixteen Thirty Fund (led by Eric Kessler, founder of Washington DC consulting firm, Arabella Advisors)	10/09/2015	\$80,000.00
Stacy Schusterman (Charter Growth Fund board member/Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation chairwoman).	11/14/2014	\$68,600.00
	10/14/2015	\$185,000.00
	10/20/2015	\$65,000.00

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Table 7 continued: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to PACs in the 2015 BESE election

LOUISIANA FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN PAC	DATE	AMOUNT
Alice Walton	03/06/2015	\$100,000.00
Betsy DeVos	09/22/2015	\$100,000.00
Richard DeVos	10/29/2015	\$100,000.00
McKinley Associates, (founded by Ron Weiser, Michigan Republican Party chairman/architect of right-to-work law with Richard DeVos)	10/29/2015	\$100,000.00
Kojaian Management (founded by Michael Kojaian, Jeb Bush's Michigan finance chairman/friend of the DeVos family)	07/09/2015	\$100,000.00
Doris Fisher	04/24/2015	\$100,000.00
Smarter America, A Project of the Sixteen Thirty Fund	10/13/2015	\$70,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

Table 8: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES - DISTRICT 2	DATE	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	10/20/2015	\$5,000.00
Reed Hastings	09/22/2015	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLLY BOFFY - DISTRICT 7	DATE	AMOUNT
Charter Schools USA	09/02/2015	\$250.00

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Table 8 continued: Notable Out-of-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JADA LEWIS - DISTRICT 8	DATE	AMOUNT
Reid Hoffman (LinkedIn founder)	10/23/2015	\$4,000.00
Michelle Yee (Reid Hoffman's wife)	10/23/2015	\$4,000.00
John Arnold	09/16/2015	\$2,500.00
Stacy Schusterman	08/13/2015	\$5,000.00
Sheryl Sandberg (Facebook COO)	08/12/2015	\$4,000.00
Katherine Bradley	07/31/2015	\$3,000.00

Table 9: Top Five Out-of-State Contributors to 2015 BESE Candidates and PACs that Supported BESE Candidates

TOP FIVE OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTORS	AMOUNT
Michael Bloomberg	\$1,723,600.00
Walton Family	\$1,150,000.00
DeVos Family and Associates	\$400,000.00
Stacey Schusterman	\$323,600.00
Eli Broad	\$250,000.00

Table 10: Notable In-State Contributors to PACs in the 2015 BESE election

ALLIANCE FOR BETTER CLASSROOMS, ABC INC.	DATE	AMOUNT
Lane Grigsby	01/12/2015	\$100,000.00
Barbara Grigsby	01/12/2015	\$100,000.00
Todd Grigsby	01/12/2015	\$50,000.00

EMPOWER LOUISIANA PAC MAJOR DONORS	DATE	AMOUNT
Lane Grigsby	10/2/2015	\$800,000.00
	11/9/2015	\$650,000.00

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Table 10 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to PACs in the 2015 BESE election

BETTER SCHOOLS, BETTER FUTURES	DATE	AMOUNT
Barbara Grigsby	11/10/2014	\$75,000.00
	10/06/2014	\$25,000.00

STAND FOR CHILDREN	DATE	AMOUNT
Lane Grigsby	08/04/2014	\$15,000.00
	11/20/2014	\$10,000.00

LOUISIANA FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN PAC	DATE	AMOUNT
Eddie Rispone (Louisiana Federation for Children PAC chairman)	08/31/2015	\$25,000.00
	10/30/2015	\$75,000.00
Linda Rispone (Eddie Rispone's wife)	11/12/2015	\$100,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	08/31/2015	\$25,000.00
	10/30/2015	\$75,000.00
Lane Grigsby	11/17/2015	\$25,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

Table 11: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAMES GARVEY - DISTRICT 1	DATE	AMOUNT
Leslie Jacobs	09/05/2015	\$1,000.00
Scott Jacobs	09/05/2015	\$1,000.00
Lane Grigsby	09/30/2015	\$5,000.00
Eddie Rispone	09/30/2015	\$1,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	10/19/2015	\$1,000.00

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Table 11 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KIRA ORANGE-JONES - DISTRICT 2	DATE	AMOUNT
Sandra Rosenthal	10/08/2015	\$5,000.00
DFER-LA	10/04/2015	\$5,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	09/30/2015	\$4,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	09/15/2015	\$1,000.00
Leslie Jacobs	04/13/2015	\$2,500.00
Lane Grigsby	04/14/2015	\$5,000.00
Stephen Rosenthal	04/01/2015	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SANDRA LEBLANC HOLLOWAY - DISTRICT 3	DATE	AMOUNT
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC in-kind contributions	10/15/2015	\$132.68
	10/18/2015	\$62.30
	10/19/2015	\$418.05
	10/22/2015	\$78.77
	10/22/2015	\$212.85
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	10/01/2015	\$1,000.00
Stephen Rosenthal	10/01/2015	\$2,500.00
Sandra Rosenthal	10/01/2015	\$2,500.00
Gray Parker	10/01/2015	\$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	09/15/2015	\$1,500.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	09/15/2015	\$5,000.00

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Table 11 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SANDRA LEBLANC HOLLOWAY - DISTRICT 3	DATE	AMOUNT
Bobbi Grigsby (Lane Grigsby's wife goes by both Barbara and Bobbi)	09/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	08/24/2015	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO TONY DAVIS - DISTRICT 4	DATE	AMOUNT
Stephen Rosenthal	11/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Sandra Rosenthal	11/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Bobbi Grigsby	11/02/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	11/02/2015	\$5,000.00
Gray Parker	11/02/2015 10/14/2015	\$5,000.00 \$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/23/2015	\$1,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GARY JONES - DISTRICT 5	DATE	AMOUNT
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	10/21/2015	\$1,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	10/14/2015	\$1,000.00

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Table 11 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JASON ENGEN - DISTRICT 6	DATE	AMOUNT
Jennifer Reilly	11/16/2015	\$1,000.00
Gray Parker	11/09/2015	\$5,000.00
Bobbi Grigsby	10/30/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	10/30/2015	\$5,000.00
Stephen Rosenthal	10/29/2015	\$5,000.00
Sandra Rosenthal	10/29/2015	\$5,000.00
Eddie Rispone	10/27/2015	\$5,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	10/26/2015	\$5,000.00
	09/18/2015	\$5,000.00
Linda Rispone	10/20/2015	\$5,000.00

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAREE TAYLOR - DISTRICT 6	DATE	AMOUNT
Todd Grigsby	10/12/2015	\$5,000.00
Ken Jacob (CEO and President of Grigsby's Cajun Industries)	09/14/2015	\$5,000.00
Juanita Jacob (wife of Ken Jacob)	10/12/2015	\$5,000.00
Bobbi Grigsby	09/09/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	09/09/2015	\$5,000.00

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Table 11 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOLLY BOFFY - DISTRICT 7	DATE	AMOUNT
Leslie Jacobs	04/06/2015	\$2,500.00
Scott Jacobs	09/05/2015	\$1,000.00
Lane Grigsby	09/30/2015	\$5,000.00
Eddie Rispone	09/30/2015	\$1,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	10/21/2015 04/17/2015	\$2,500.00 \$1,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC in-kind contributions	10/24/2015 10/03/2015 10/03/2015	\$197.00 \$275.35 \$806.28
Charles Roemer	10/13/2015	\$2,500.00
Sandra Rosenthal	10/03/2015	\$2,500.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	03/30/2015 09/21/2015	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	09/02/2015	\$1,500.00
Stephen Rosenthal	04/08/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	03/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Bobbi Grigsby	03/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Todd Grigsby	03/03/2015	\$5,000.00

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Table 11 continued: Notable In-State Contributors to Candidates in the 2015 BESE election

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JADA LEWIS - DISTRICT 8	DATE	AMOUNT
DFER-LA	10/01/2015	\$5,000.00
Stephen Rosenthal	10/01/2015	\$2,500.00
	07/17/2015	\$2,500.00
Sandra Rosenthal	10/01/2015	\$2,500.00
	07/17/2015	\$2,500.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC (in-kind contributions)	10/24/2015	\$853.60
	10/23/2015	\$916.38
	10/20/2015	\$143.67
	10/18/2015	\$530.76
	10/14/2015	\$509.85
	10/10/2015	\$256.72
	10/05/2015	\$176.24
	10/03/2015	\$755.31
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	09/28/2015	\$1,000.00
Jennifer Reilly (Founding Board Chair of New Schools for Baton Rouge)	10/01/2015	\$5,000.00
Gray Parker	10/01/2015	\$5,000.00
ISC Constructors, LLC	09/29/2015	\$5,000.00
Louisiana Federation for Children PAC	09/29/2015	\$1,500.00
Bobbi Grigsby	09/03/2015	\$5,000.00
Lane Grigsby	08/27/2015	\$5,000.00
Leslie Jacobs	07/12/2015	\$5,000.00

Source: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program

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Table 12: Top Five In-State Contributors to 2015 BESE Candidates and PACs that Supported BESE Candidates

TOP FIVE IN-STATE CONTRIBUTORS	AMOUNT
Grigsby Family	\$1,935,000.00
Rispono Family/Business	\$334,000.00
Jacobs and Rosenthal Families	\$65,500.00
Gray Parker	\$25,000.00
Stand for Children Louisiana PAC	\$17,825.81