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*“Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty!”*  
— **Patrick Henry**

### **Taxpayers Sue Missouri Over Common Core Payments**

Members of the Missouri [Coalition](#) Against Common Core have filed a lawsuit against the state of Missouri because of the state’s participation in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), one of two consortium of states committed to develop and implement tests that are aligned with the Common Core Standards (CCS). In July, the state passed a law which required the CCS to be replaced by 2016, yet the state has still budgeted over four million dollars for 2015 for participation in SBAC. The plaintiffs in the suit are [charging](#) that this financial support of SBAC is illegal since the state has rejected the Common Core, and supporting SBAC is essentially supporting implementation of the standards in other states. Furthermore, the lawsuit [states](#) that SBAC is an “illegal interstate compact not authorized by the U.S. Congress” and therefore unconstitutional.

### **Preschool National Summit Held in NYC**

Last month, a Preschool National Summit was held in New York City to highlight and encourage the efforts to establish mandatory universal preschool across the country. The summit was hosted by Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), a non-profit organization that was developed by a California government agency. The summit included panelists from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Governors Association as well as from some private organizations that are focused on expanding early education. NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio was recognized as the keynote speaker, as he is currently implementing his “Pre-K for All” program in NYC. In his address, he praised the work of LAUP, saying they are following the [idea](#) that “it’s not enough that some kids get pre-K, or some kids get preschool opportunities, or some kids get them for a small part of the day; but. . . the goal here is to reach every child, and to reach them with a full enough program that it will have a transcendent impact on their lives.” He further stated, “We’ve got to really create one standard. We’ve got to say that full-day high quality pre-K is going to be the national standard.” In contrast to this, private education organizations have [expressed](#) caution and concern over an expanding governmental role in early education, citing the potential harm it could cause to parental rights and existing private preschool centers.

### **AACS Student Participates in Private Education Discussion Panel**

On Monday, Tim Kidd from Heritage Christian School, an AACS-member school in Virginia, participated in a panel discussion during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Private School Leadership Conference. The annual conference is hosted by the Office of Non-Public Education in the Department of Education. National leaders in the private school movement attend the conference from all over the country. Four high schoolers were asked to give a perspective on private education and to share personal experience as private school students. Each of the students spoke of the positive influence that teachers, administrators, and parents were having in their lives. Tim

specifically highlighted the emphasis his school has on the gospel of Jesus and its influence on every area of his education. His comments included praise for the emphasis his school has on teaching servant leadership and the example his teachers and administrator are of true servant leadership.

**In Case You Missed It:**

[Weekly Market Update](#) provided by Jeff Beach of the [AACCS Investment Team at Merrill Lynch](#)

[School accused of 'purging' Christian books](#)

[Poll: Americans' Support for Same-Sex Marriage Declining](#)

[Colo. Students Protest Proposal to Promote Positive Aspects of US History](#)

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