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Jindal heads to Iowa this weekend



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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) -- Gov. Bobby Jindal is heading to Iowa in a trip that has heightened speculation he's planning a presidential bid in 2012.

But Jindal says the speculation is misplaced. He says he's running for re-election and has no plans to seek the White House. He also says anyone who's considering such a candidacy before a new president even takes office is making a mistake.

Political watchers say it's a bit too much of a coincidence, however, that Jindal's traveling to the state that is the launching pad for many a presidential contender.

On Saturday, Jindal will keynote a fundraising dinner for the Iowa Family Policy Center's "Celebrating the Family" banquet, a high-profile Christian conservative event. The governor also will make a stop in the Cedar Rapids area to see some of the recent flooding damage there.

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