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State ex rel. Wells v. Lakota Local Schools Board of Education

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Requester filed action against school board and its treasurer for writ of mandamus to compel school district to produce records responsive to her requests under the Public Records Act.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Requester was entitled to writ of mandamus to compel school board to produce demand letter, which threatened school board with litigation;
- Requester's mandamus claim to compel school board to produce unredacted or lesser-redacted legal invoices was moot;
- Requester was entitled to $1,000 in statutory damages due to school board's failure to produce demand letter;
- Requester was entitled to statutory damages of $1,000 for school board's delay in producing legal invoices;
- Requester was entitled to attorney's fees based on school board's failure to produce demand letter; and
- School district did not act in bad faith in its delay in disclosing legal invoices with proper redactions, and, thus, requester was not entitled to attorney's fees for school board's delay in producing invoices.

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