

School Superintendent Tells Education Scholar to 'Drop Dead' Following Janus Decision

The following email was sent to all school district superintendents in Illinois to ensure they were aware of their responsibilities under the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Janus vs. AFSCME*.

Dear Superintendent,

Attached is a letter from the National Right to Work Foundation explaining your responsibilities in regards to the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Janus vs. AFSCME.

Please feel free to contact me or the National Right to Work Foundation with any questions you may have.

Lennie

This is the attached letter.



Most of the responses were cordial, but one stuck out. This response was from Mike Matteson, superintendent of [Rutland CCSD 230](#) and [Wallace CCSD 195](#) in Ottawa, IL.



Matteson's compensation in 2017 was \$64,403 for his Wallace position and \$63,956 in Rutland for a total of \$128,359 according to [OpenTheBooks.com](#).

The [Illinois Report Card](#) shows only [45 percent](#) of the 59

students enrolled in Rutland were proficient on PARCC testing for 2017. This is down from 53 percent in 2016. Wallace didn't fare any better with a PARCC proficiency of [46 percent](#) of 320 students for 2017, down from 47 percent in 2016.

Superintendent Matteson should spend more time worrying about the students who are failing under his leadership instead of telling people who try to inform him of his responsibilities to "drop dead".

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