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STATE BOARD STATEMENT ON JUDGE'S ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEY FEES IN ATTORNEY GENERAL RAUL LABRADOR'S LAWSUIT

On March 26, 2024, Idaho Fourth District Court Judge Scott awarded the State Board of Education \$242,726 in costs and attorney fees for having to defend itself against Attorney General Raul Labrador's lawsuit. This unnecessary and unsuccessful lawsuit by the Attorney General against his own client took an enormous amount of time and resulted in a large cost to taxpayers. The State Board is grateful to be vindicated by the Court once again. Although the Attorney General must pay those costs from his budget, it is profoundly unfortunate that taxpayers ultimately must bear the cost of this frivolous litigation.

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