

Mountlake Terrace Bands

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NEWSLETTER

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Due January 31st**

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Recording Dates for KPLU School of Jazz Selected - Jazz 1 will be recording with Cuong Vu on March 9th from 6-9pm. Please add this to your calendar.

This Week:

Jazz 1 Recording Sessions on Thursday and Friday for Essentially Ellington. Thursday 11am-4:00pm. Friday ALL day beginning at 8:00

MTHS Student Profile - Alisi Mudaliar

Sherrill Leppich, Music Booster President, is helping to interview current students for this newsletter as a way of helping us all get to know each other. Thanks Sherrill!

Meet Alisi Mudalair, a Sophomore at MTHS. Alisi currently plays the trombone in Chamber Winds and in Jazz Ensemble 2. Alisi attended Echo Lake Elementary and was introduced to Band, Orchestra and the arts at that time. When given the chance to play an instrument, she was initially looking into playing the cello, but then her interests turned to the trombone. Alisi's brother-in-law had an old trombone that had been passed down to him from his grandfather. She was able to use this instrument to start her musical career and she continues to play the trombone today, just not this particular instrument, as it was getting to old to use. Alisi attended Einstein middle school and continued her band career still playing the trombone and the bassoon.

Though Alisi would have initially attended a high school in the Shoreline school district, she ended up coming to MTHS due to the STEM program that is offered. Lucky for MTHS, she also continued her love of playing in the band. Alisi has three older siblings, two brothers and one sister,

who all had played in school bands in their younger years. Every one of them played the trumpet, but Alisi wanted to be a bit different, so that is what motivated her to be a trombone player. Alisi's mom played the clarinet in her younger years as well. If Alisi could learn another instrument in her spare time, she would like to learn the French Horn.

Alisi is hoping to continue her studies and go to college after graduating from high school. She is leaning towards attending BYU and would take up studies that involve Engineering.

In her down time, Alisi enjoys listening to Alternative music, watching movies on Netflix and keeps busy with church activities. She doesn't have any one favorite kind of food, she likes just about everything! In the summer time, Alisi's family always likes to take at least one day to go to Wild Waves and have a fun family day together. Her mother's side of the family is from Hawaii, so they usually try to take an annual trip, in the summer, to go see those that live in Moloka'i, as well.

Band has given Alisi the opportunity to help with her goal setting. This is important to her and she has been very grateful to Mr. Faul for showing her how to go about doing this and keeping on task. If she had the opportunity to tell a younger student about the band program, she would definitely encourage them and would have nothing but positive things to say. She has made many of her close friends through band and says, "It's a nice place to be a part of."

Alisi is also a member of the Rocketry club and is part of TSA. If you see Alisi in the hall, be sure to say hello~!



If you read the newsletter the week, I have a prize for you! For the first student in each of my classes who sees this and sends me an email saying you read the newsletter I have a FREE CD.

KEEP READING!!
There is lots of important information on the following pages!

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

January 20th, 2014

Hello fabulous MTHS Band families~!!

Lots of information below, some recaps. Please read the entire newsletter so you do not miss any dates or events.

Our first "Dinner Night Out" will be at Five Guys Burger and Fries in Lynnwood and the date is approaching fast. ***Our flyer is attached~!!*** Print this out, hand out to family and friends and invite them to come and support our band trips~! **Bring the flyer to the restaurant** and hand to the cashier when you are ready to pay. We will get 10% of the sales for everyone who brings in a flyer. Another win-win...you get dinner out, don't have to cook and the band program gets a portion of the sales!! This event will be on **Wednesday, January 29th from 5:00-9:00p.m.** Please mark your calendars and watch for the fliers. Hand fliers out to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, community members!!! The more we can get to come attend this, the better we can make money for these upcoming trips. Other restaurants we will be organizing a "Dinner Night Out" for the band program is Red Robin, Panda Express and Spaghetti Factory. Please watch your emails, the Google Band Calendar and this newsletter for updates!!!

For Thursday, January 23rd and 24th, during the day, the Jazz 1 ensemble is scheduled to record for their Essentially Ellington audition. The Music Boosters would like to also help out with snacks/food for the students and Mr. Faul during this time frame. Please let Sherrill Leppich know if you are able to help with donations of food for these days as well.

On Thursday, January 30th, we will be having our Concert Band performance, at 7:00 p.m. If you can assist with selling refreshments before or after the performance, please let us know.

On Saturday, February 1st, we are hosting this years Solo Ensemble Competition. We will need MANY helping hands to make this a great event for all schools and students attending. Please mark your calendars and try to donate some time to helping out at this event, both parents and students will be needed. Currently I have only had one student and a few parents offer to help. It takes a village to makes things come together, so please sign up today and help make this a successful event. We will need approximately 20 student volunteers and approximately 10 parent volunteers throughout the day. We will also need help with set up the day before, Friday, Jan. 31, and we will also need help with teardown/clean up after the event.

It is also the time of year to start thinking about volunteering for our MTHS Music Booster Board for the 2014-2015 school year. The board members that are currently serving on the booster board have fulfilled their 2 year obligation and we will need some parents to fill the opening positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Jazz 1 Rep, Jazz 2 Rep, Secretary, Concert Band Rep, Orchestra Rep, and Choir Rep. Please consider taking on one of these positions and help the booster board to continue thriving. We will definitely need a President (can be co-chaired) and a Treasurer to keep the board alive. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and be a part of a fantastic group of parents who are looking to support the music programs at MTHS. If you might be interested, but need more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other board member, or even Mr. Faul. We are all happy to give you any information you may need to consider taking on a position.

January 29th – Dinner out at Five Guys Burger and Fries Fundraiser

January 30th – Concert Band concert – 7:00 p.m.

February 1 – Solo Ensemble at MTHS

February 3 – PEP Band

February 6 – PEP Band

February 8 – Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 attend Bellevue Jazz Festival

In the words of Martin Luther King:

[Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.](#)

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BURGERS and FRIES



**M.T.H.S. Music Boosters
Dine Out Fundraiser!**



@ Lynnwood

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2902 - 164th St SW

Wednesday, January 29th

5:00pm – 9:00pm

10% of all sales will be donated to:

MTHS Music Boosters!

***** Print this flyer and bring it with you *****



**Proceeds to help offset costs to
send our MTHS bands to Disneyland
and Jazz 1 to Savannah! !**



12th Annual Northwest Brass Band
Festival January 25th, 2014

Festival Youth Band

Call for Brass and Percussion students

The Twelfth Annual Northwest Brass Band Festival takes place on Saturday, January 25, 2014. The Festival includes a full day of lectures, rehearsals and clinics of special interest to brass players, and hosts a select group of brass bands from throughout the Northwest. For the first time, the Festival takes place at Seattle Pacific University in the Fremont area of Seattle, Washington. Guest brass bands will rehearse throughout the day, with our special Guest Conductor clinician Jamie Hood and then participate in a gala concert featuring Yamaha Performing artist, Jens Lindemann. At the end of the afternoon, the Youth Band will present an informal performance of their music for the rest of the Festival participants.

This year a special **Festival Youth Band Clinic** will be led by Guest Soloist **Jens Lindemann** for area youth brass players with 3+ years' experience on their instrument. Registration is \$15 and includes a 2 hour rehearsal/coaching session with Mr. Lindemann (ending with a small performance for Festival attendees and Youth Band participants' guests), admission to all clinics throughout the day and admission to the Gala Festival Concert at 7pm. Seattle Pacific University students with current valid I.D. attend for free. The Youth Band Clinic will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end shortly after 3:00 with a small performance for festival attendees and parents.

If you would like to participate in this amazing festival, please visit our website at www.brassbandnw.org, check out our Eventbrite page: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/northwest-brass-band-festival-registration-9926791300>, or contact our Festival coordinator, Lorraine Thurston at lorraine@northernwall.com or 206-306-4358.

For questions/further information, contact Lorraine Thurston: lorraine@northernwall.com
Brass Band Northwest is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization



“It is the paramount duty of the State to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders...”
Article IX, Section 1, Washington State Constitution

FAQs about *McCleary v. State*

Washington State’s landmark K-12 funding court case

What is the *McCleary* decision?

McCleary v. State is the most important court case in decades for Washington public school students and for the future of our state. In January 2012, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the State of Washington is violating the constitutional rights of children by failing to live up to its “paramount duty” to amply fund the education of all K-12 students. The Court ordered the Legislature to make steady, real and measurable progress each year and to fully fund K-12 public education by 2018.

How do we know what “full funding” means?

During the *McCleary* trial, the State assured the Court that the 2009 education reform and funding law, ESHB 2261, is the promise that K-12 public education will be fully funded by 2018. The Court took the strong step of retaining jurisdiction over the case after it issued its ruling, stating, “What we have learned from experience is that this Court cannot stand on the sidelines and hope the State meets its constitutional mandate to amply fund education.” The Court ordered the State to demonstrate and report on its progress every year and also asked NEWS to file its response to those progress reports with the Court.

How is the State doing so far?

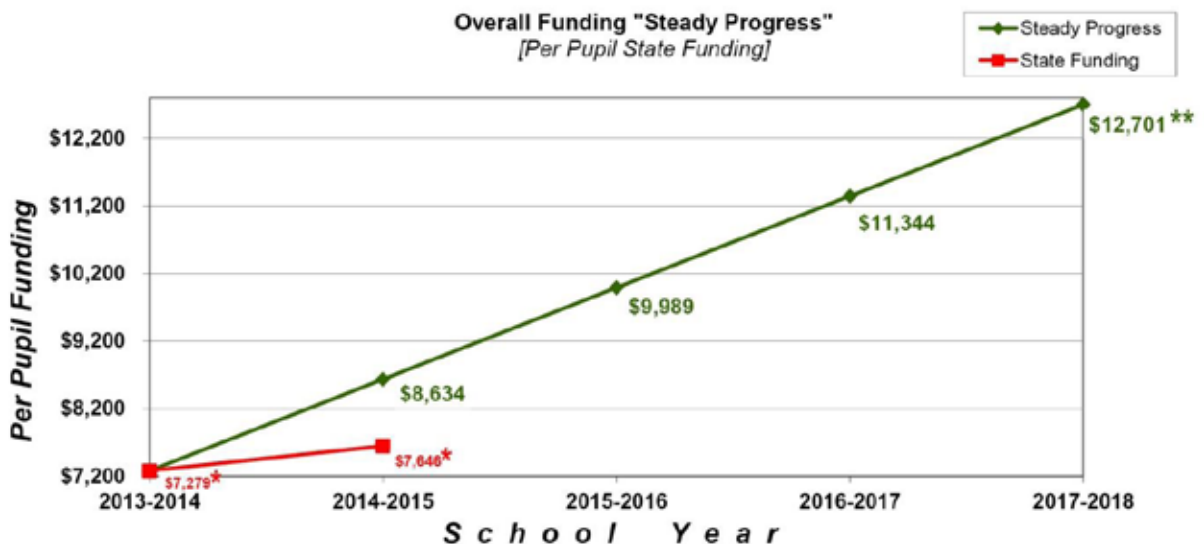
Responding to the first mandated report in December 2012, the Supreme Court admonished the State for failing to show progress, noting that “the overall level of funding remains below the levels that have been declared constitutionally inadequate.” In January 2014, the Court ordered the State to speed up funding and to provide local school districts the billions of dollars of additional K-12 funding that the State’s own studies have confirmed are needed to cure decades of unconstitutional underfunding – including fully funding salary increases, materials and operations, transportation, and both the staffing and construction costs for full-day kindergarten and K-3 class size reductions. The Court issued an order to compel the State to submit a detailed plan no later than April 30, 2014, that includes a year by year phase-in schedule for fully funding every element of basic education as defined in the *McCleary* ruling. “It is incumbent upon the State to demonstrate, through immediate, concrete action, that it is making real and measurable progress, not simply promises,” the order stated.

The order was blunt and clear regarding any progress the State claims to have made:

- The State took “some steps” in 2013 but “it cannot realistically claim to have made significant progress”.
[page 6]

- “The legislature is embarking on a short session in 2014, where it has an opportunity to take a significant step forward. We are aware that OSPI has submitted a supplemental budget request of approximately \$544 million, with \$461 million addressing basic education funding.” [page 8 (underline added)]
- “The need for immediate action could not be more apparent. Conversely, failing to act would send a strong message about the State’s good faith commitment toward fulfilling its constitutional promise.” [page 8 (underline added)]
- “We have no wish to be forced into entering specific funding directives to the State, or, as some state high courts have done, holding the legislature in contempt of court. But, it is incumbent upon the State to demonstrate, through immediate, concrete action, that it is making real and measurable progress, not simply promises.” [page 8 (underline added)]
- “Toward that end, it is hereby ordered: the State shall submit, no later than April 30, 2014, a complete plan for fully implementing its program of basic education for each school year between now and the 2017-18 school year. This plan must address each of the areas of K-12 education identified in ESHB 2261, as well as the implementation plan called for by SHB 2776, and must include a phase-in schedule for fully funding each of the components of basic education... it is clear the pace of progress must quicken.” [page 8 (underline added)]
- “Our decision in this case remains fully subject to judicial enforcement.” [page 8]

The chart below illustrates the Supreme Court’s point about the State’s lack of significant progress. The **green** line shows steady progress. The **red** line shows what the State has done instead.



* This chart's per pupil State funding levels of **\$7,279** (2013-14) and **\$7,646** (2014-15) are stated on page 6 of the State's 2013-15 Operating Budget Overview for Striking Amendment to 2ESSB 5034 (the adopted 2013-15 biennium budget). OSPI's per pupil data shows lower State funding: State funding of \$6,862/pupil in 2008-09 school year (time of the *McCleary* trial court litigation), reduced to estimated State allocations of \$6,817/pupil for 2013-14. (See "Per Pupil Funding (Grand Total)" line in OSPI's 2013 Funding Comparison spreadsheet – School Year 2008-2009 to School Year 2013-2014.)

** This chart's **\$12,701**/pupil State funding level for 2017-18 is a minimum level based on the State's own trial testimony and compensation study. The State testified at trial that ESHB 2261's reforms will increase State funding to **\$9,710**/pupil before covering market rate salaries, inflation after 2007-08, or any capital construction needs. The June 30, 2012, Final Report of ESHB 2261's Compensation Technical Work Group then determined the cumulative increase needed to cover those market rate salaries is approximately \$2.9 billion/year (about **\$2,991**/pupil for 1 million students). $\$9,710 + \$2,991 = \$12,701$.

What can we do to help ensure that the Legislature heeds the Court's order?

State senators and representatives really do pay attention to what their constituents tell them. A groundswell of grassroots support for significant K-12 education funding increases this legislative session can make all the difference. So, speak up! Call your legislators. Write letters and emails. Stay up to date on when critical budget votes are due in committees and in the House and Senate and let them know how you expect them to vote. Write letters to the editor to your local newspaper and contact local newspaper editors and ask them to write editorials urging local lawmakers to take a big step – not a tiny one – toward meeting the 2018 full funding deadline.

How can I learn more?

Go to www.waschoolexcellence.org to learn more about the *McCleary* case and about the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools, the coalition of 428 community groups, school districts and education associations that filed the *McCleary* lawsuit on behalf of Washington students and families. Sign up for the NEWS e-newsletter on the website or “like” NEWS on Facebook.

Is your school district a member of NEWS?

NEWS comprises 428 organizations that are committed to improving the quality of public education in Washington state. Members include 202 school districts representing nearly 90 percent of Washington's public school students. When your school district becomes a member of NEWS, you will help to ensure that the Legislature heeds the State Supreme Court's ruling to fully fund K-12 schools by 2018. By joining NEWS, you will support:

- Successful ongoing legal representation with the Washington State Supreme Court to hold the Legislature accountable for ample school funding;
- Activities to engage citizens across Washington through in-person presentations, electronic communications and the news media to build public support for the Legislature's response to the Court order;
- Efforts to keep NEWS members informed about the progress of the case and improved funding; and,
- Work to educate and maintain relationships with legislators who must implement *McCleary*.

The Supreme Court's decision to retain jurisdiction over the case gives public school supporters a remarkable opportunity – and a remarkable responsibility. NEWS is the only entity entrusted by the Supreme Court to vigilantly monitor and enforce compliance of *McCleary*. To learn more about NEWS membership, email news@waschoolexcellence.org or call 253-765-7043.