

Supreme Court rules on McCleary

Today, the state Supreme Court issued its order on the state's progress on meeting the McCleary obligation for our students. The short version is: the state has more work to do, especially as it relates to salaries. The state is at least \$1 billion short and salaries must be fully funded by September 1, 2018.

That's part of a [46-page order](#) issued by the Court. Below are some highlights. We will continue to review the order and will keep you posted as to other key issues.

As you read this, remember that WEA has been the leader in the McCleary case. It was the delegates at a Representative Assembly who directed WEA to organize the NEWS coalition which brought the case. WEA has provided most of the funding and we've been an active member of the coalition. As we enter the home stretch, it's useful to remember that our members have been leading this charge to improve education for every student in our state.

- The Court found that the Legislature has not complied with McCleary and so it retains jurisdiction of the case, as well as the \$100,000-a-day contempt penalties. Even the state acknowledged that it wouldn't meet the Sept. 1, 2018 deadline, and these actions reflect that reality.
- The Court has also reaffirmed the role of local control, noting that the state funding is an allocation, not a prescription. Districts retain broad flexibility to use state funds as they deem necessary to meet their specific community needs. While some categorical funds must be spent for specific purposes, such as special education, the Court also noted that districts have discretion in designing those programs to best serve their students.
- The Court has said the new salary model is acceptable, but that it is underfunded by \$1 billion because the state missed its own self-imposed deadline by a year. Salaries must be fully funded by Sept. 1, 2018 for the state to be in compliance with the McCleary ruling.
- Not all the news is great. The Court also ruled that the capital budget is not part of the McCleary decision. Thus, they ruled K-3 class size funding is fully funded.
- The state must provide a full report back to the Court by April 9 detailing what it has done to meet the paramount duty.

As we learn more, we will revisit what this means for the upcoming legislative session, as well as for local bargaining. Please know, there is much more to come.

The Court found that the Legislature has not complied with McCleary and so it retains jurisdiction of the case, as well as the \$100,000-a-day contempt penalties.

In this issue

- Stay healthy(2)
- Thank you to teachers (2)
- American Education Week (3)
- Recognizing psychologists (3)
- Grants for sports teams (3)

Stay healthy this upcoming cold and flu season

As we head into the peak months for cold and flu, NEA wants to help families stay healthy through the end of the year and beyond! The Healthy Habits Coalition of Lysol, the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are arming homes and families across the country with the tools, resources and prevention tips to help keep their families and classrooms healthy and practically germ-free.

Cold and Flu Prevention Checklist

- **Get vaccinated.** Be sure to vaccinate your family early in the season with a seasonal flu shot to better protect them against influenza.
- **Wash up!** The average child touches more than 300 surfaces in just 30 minutes -- which means that germs are easily spread from surface to surface. To prevent the spread of flu, follow CDC guidelines, including actions such as washing your hands often with soap and water.
- **Cover up!** Did you know that students in the U.S. miss nearly 38 million school days each year due to the common cold? Help prevent the spread of flu germs by practicing proper cough and sneeze etiquette.
- **Keep your distance!** The flu virus can travel up to 12 feet through the air at 100 mph. Stay away from people who are visibly ill, and be sure to stay home if you get sick.
- **Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.** Not all cleaning products disinfect – please read labels carefully.

With these tools, the seemingly impossible task of staying happy and healthy throughout flu season is within reach. Visit [Lysol.com/Healthy Habits](https://www.lysol.com/HealthyHabits) for more information on the Healthy Habits Program. For more information on CDC's flu prevention recommendations, [click here](#).

No Update next week

Due to the Thanksgiving break and the short week, we will not be publishing an Update next week.

November 13-17

American
Education
Week

For all that you
do for the
students of the
LWSD...



LWEA Office

10604 NE 38th Place, Suite 212
Kirkland, WA
425-822-3388

UniServ Rep: [Jennifer Silves](#)

Office Manager: [Sheila Hagerman](#)

Admin Assistant: [Ila Rhea Morrow](#)

LWEA Officers and Executive Committee

President:

[Kevin Teeley](#)

LWEA Office / 425-822-3388

Vice President:

[Howard Mawhinney](#)

RHS / 425-936-1800

Primary Rep:

[Heidi Wilson](#)

Parks / 425-425-936-2650

Intermediate Rep:

[Gerry Wilson](#)

Muir / 425-936-2640

Middle School Rep:

[Peggy Solum](#)

Kamiakin / 425-936-2400

High School Rep:

[Katie Badger](#)

RHS / 425-936-1800

Specialists Rep:

[Marilyn Hargraves](#)

LWHS / 425-936-1700

Special Services Rep:

[Sarah Cooper](#)

Juanita Elementary Preschool /
425-936-2570

Ethnic Minority Rep:

[Maryziel Galarpe](#)

Blackwell / 425-936-2520

LWEA Office:

425-822-3388

How did American Education Week begin?

Distressed that 25% of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9% were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for the designation of one week each year to spotlight education.

In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."



Recognizing psychologists

School psychologists help students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community for all students. This week, November 13-17, is National School Psychology Awareness Week.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the positive work that school psychologists do to promote personal success in the lives of the students they serve.

Team Up – Thomas R. Brown Athletic Grants

You can apply to receive a \$1,000-\$3,000 grant for your middle or high school sports team. California Casualty, the company that provides the NEA Auto and Home Insurance Program, established this program to provide support to public school sports programs impacted by reduced budgets.

Go to [this site](#) for application deadlines and grant eligibility.

Early dismissal – November 22 – Correction!!!

Teachers are free to leave **3.5** hours before the end of their contractual work day on Wednesday, November 22.

FOR RENT

Apartment in Juanita area, ½ mile north of Juanita Beach. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1050 sq ft. Private entrance, open floor plan. Shared laundry facilities on same floor. No smoking, no pets. \$1,375/month, security deposit flexible. References/credit check required. Available now. Contact Inge Theisen at 425-823-5710 (leave name, phone #, & email address).

House in Lake Forest Park, mail level & basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths w. Jacuzzi tub. Gourmet kitchen, large living room, dining room, sunroom, & large deck & yard. Access to I-5, Bothell Way, & Ballinger Way. Walking distance to Lk Forest Park mall & Gilman trail. \$2,600/mnth, \$500 damage deposit, w/ 1st mnth rent. All utilities included, parking for 2 cars. No smoking or pets. Claudia Elsmore (RC) 425-488-8239.



FOR SALE

2005 **Ford Explorer 4x4**, blue. Excellent running & body condition. Fully loaded. 178K miles. Kelly BB says \$4,000, sell for only \$3,500. David Berner (JHS) 425-273-5495.

Handbag, beautiful Cole Haan, new. Backpack style, women's, leather, saddle/brown. Recently purchased on sale for \$153, selling for \$65. Mary Lou Nakao (McAuliffe) 425-830-1366.

We have some nice, affordable, & beautifully reconditioned **pianos** for sale. Just in time for the holidays. Chuck Telford (Retired) 425-822-7110.

AKC **Imperial Shih Tzu puppies** ready for permanent homes on 12/15. Unusual colors, 3 black puppies w/ white chests, mittens & most have a star on their forehead. 2 doxies, brown w/ lighter brown or red Doberman markings. \$850 for females, \$800 males. Carol Yonker (Retired) 206-466-9275.

WANTED

Quilters, sewers, volunteers: Quilts of Valor Foundation National Sew Day. We'll be making quilt tops for veterans. Canyon Park area from 9 AM – 4 PM. All materials, thread, patterns, irons, & boards, & cutting mats provided. If you help for an hour or more, contact me for more information. Also looking for donations of fabric or thread. Charlene Luttge (Willows) cluttge@gmail.com or 206-235-6932.

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to Sheila Hagerman at shhagerman@lwsd.org.

Ads are subject to approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.

* * * * *

LWEA Website

Lakewashingtonea.org

[Facebook](#)

* * * * *

Calendar

Nov. 20
School Board Meeting

Nov. 22
Early Dismissal – 3.5 hours early

Nov. 23-24
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29
Certification 101 Class
4:30-7:30 PM / LWEA

