

Preserve Ballard Performing Arts!

Due to a perfect storm of circumstances, we need your help to raise \$30,000. to preserve the Ballard Performing Arts programs at BHS.

The Ballard High School Music & Theatre Department is lauded throughout the Northwest and beyond for its high level of musical and performance excellence. Ballard provides one of the most complete high school music programs in Seattle. Our program has grown to over 450 students in 15 groups/ensembles. This includes six in voice instruction, five in band groups, 3 in string instruments and a robust theatre community.

Which class(es) or group(s) would you choose to cut?

This is a real issue in the coming year due to Seattle Public Schools budget shortfalls, the levy cap and the McCleary ruling. Ballard will also be facing a reduction in staff partially due to the opening of another high school.

BHS principal, Mr. Wynkoop proactively met the BPA directors, the BPA boosters, BHS PTSA and BHS Foundation to create a plan to invest in our 3 music directors to **keep all the BPA programs intact**.

After generous donations from BHS PTSA and the BHS Foundation, the BPA community has been asked to fund a ONE-TIME request of \$30,000.

If you have a student who has benefited from the BHS Performing Arts program currently or in years past, NOW is the time to show your support for this amazing group of dedicated directors.

The crowdfunding platform we have chosen is Plumfund. Other organizations such as GoFundMe and Crowdrise charge a flat 5.00% of donation PLUS deduct the 2.4% credit card fees.

Plumfund only deducts the credit card fees. No other fees. The catch? At time of payment, they add a donation amount to another charity. You can edit to not pay more for another charity. Please check the total amount you are agreeing to donate before you push that confirm button!

Any amount is appreciated to reach our goal. Your help with spreading the word through social media is equally important.

Please help us reach our goal of \$30,000 to preserve and support the excellent music education that our students have all benefited from. Your donations are tax-deductible.

<https://www.plumfund.com/crowdfunding/bpa-directors-campaign>

Or google PlumFund, and from home page and enter into search **Ballard** to find our campaign.

Our Mission Statement:

The Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club is a nonprofit organization of parents, guardians, and community members committed to maintaining and cultivating a tradition of excellence in the band, choir, orchestra, and theatre programs at Ballard High School. In partnership with the directors, we work to provide high-quality education and performance opportunities for all students. We provide fundraising and volunteer support and encourage family engagement in the performing arts community.

If you have further questions, please contact ballardperformingarts@gmail.com