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Title:	The McCleary Court Case and Implications for the Washington State Legislature	
	Representative Pat Sullivan (Majority Leader – House of Representatives)	
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Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	What next steps are before the Legislature, now that the State Supreme Court has upheld the Trial Court's ruling that funding for Washington public schools is inadequate? How can the State Board of Education aid in the Legislature's efforts to fully implement SHB 2776.	
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Synopsis:	<p>Representative Pat Sullivan has agreed to join the Board to discuss the implications of the McCleary ruling for the Legislature's work this session and next. Representative Sullivan has been a leading voice in education funding reform during his time in the House of Representatives. He was one of the key legislative sponsors on both ESHB 2261 and SHB 2776, and was a leading voice in the deliberations of the Basic Education Task Force. Additionally, he currently sits on the Quality Education Council.</p> <p>Questions that we've asked Representative Sullivan to comment on include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What next steps are before the Legislature, now that the State Supreme Court has upheld the Trial Court's ruling that funding for Washington public schools is inadequate? • What does the ruling imply about how quickly the legislature must act to implement SHB 2776? • What are Legislative expectations about the work of an Education Funding Study during the interim? • What are some possible long-term revenue options that can support sustained implementation of SHB 2776 that the Legislature has considered? • Does the revenue proposal offered by Representative Ross Hunter this session, featuring a "swap" of increased statewide property tax rates for reduced local levy reductions, appear to have any traction in the legislature? 	