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NEWS RELEASE

Widespread Panic Donates to MCSD Schools

(Columbus, GA)-Kendrick High School, Rothschild Middle School, and Dr. William Fry, Orchestra Director of both schools, have received a donation from the band *Widespread Panic* through their "Tunes for Tots" program. This donation includes musical instruments (violins, violas, cellos, strings, bows) valued at \$10,031.65, (sheet music and music books) valued at \$2,214.30 and 21 computers built and provided with appropriate software, keyboards, and other peripherals to allow students to compose music and play compositions. The value of the computers and peripherals is \$57,168.95.

The band also donated Orff instruments (20 alto xylophones and 20 bass xylophones) to elementary schools that did not have the instruments. The value of the Orff instruments is \$40,735.80. A site license for a software program, Finale 2009, will be available for every music teacher in the district. The value of the site license is \$8,654.95.

Widespread Panic is a rock band formed in Athens, Georgia in 1985. The band has been inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The Widespread Panic Foundation supports an annual "Tunes for Tots" benefit concert. Proceeds provide equipment and musical supplies for Georgia schools music program.

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