

## Detroit Lion Helps Send Band to China

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Allen Park, MI - The Detroit Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School Bands fund-raising efforts to perform in China will get a boost Wednesday, April 2, from a big Detroit Lion. Offensive lineman Edwin Mulitalo will present a \$10,000 check to MLK band director Victoria Miller and band members in ceremonies beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the school. Mulitalo also will bring his ukulele to perform with the MLK band.



Mulitalo, a 10-year NFL veteran about to enter his second season with the Lions, will make the presentation through his Big Eds Band Foundation which supports the development of music programs for children.

The MLK band is one of only five bands in the nation to have been invited to perform at the Pre-Olympics Music Festival in China, July 1-7. With 60 members, the trip will cost the band more than \$240,000 to travel to Beijing.

Big Eds Band Foundation was established by Edwin Mulitalo to develop the gift of music in children by supporting the growth and development of instrumental music through providing instruments, repair, and other musical support for school systems. Visit [www.bigedsband.com](http://www.bigedsband.com) for more information.