

VI. The New Westside School District

Now is the time to address the needs of Albuquerque's Westside and create a district specifically for this community. Creating a separate district will give Westside schools and students the attention they deserve. Appropriate planning has been given to the new district's proposed name, geographic boundaries, number of schools, grade levels at each school, and school population.

PROPOSED NAME

In order to be a district that truly reflects Westside residents, we advise having the community name the district. In order to do so, a series of town halls will be organized for residents to converge and develop suggestions for the district name. The interim board, appointed by Secretary Garcia, would in turn vote on the recommendations and choose the final name. For the purposes of this prospectus, the new district will be referred to as the Westside School District (WSD).

GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY

The boundaries for the new WSD are the Rio Grande River on the east; Central Avenue and I-40 on the south; the Bernalillo County line on the west; and the Bernalillo County line on the north and including a small section of Sandoval County that is now in APS, and also Corrales, approximately 381 square miles.

The new district will require slight modifications of boundaries for three schools. The area south of Central Avenue will be removed from the West Mesa High School and Jimmy Carter Middle School boundaries and will be reallocated to another school boundary. The area west of the Rio Grande within the Taylor Middle School boundary and area for Seven Bar Elementary and Corrales elementary will be added to the James Monroe Middle School boundary.



Figure 1

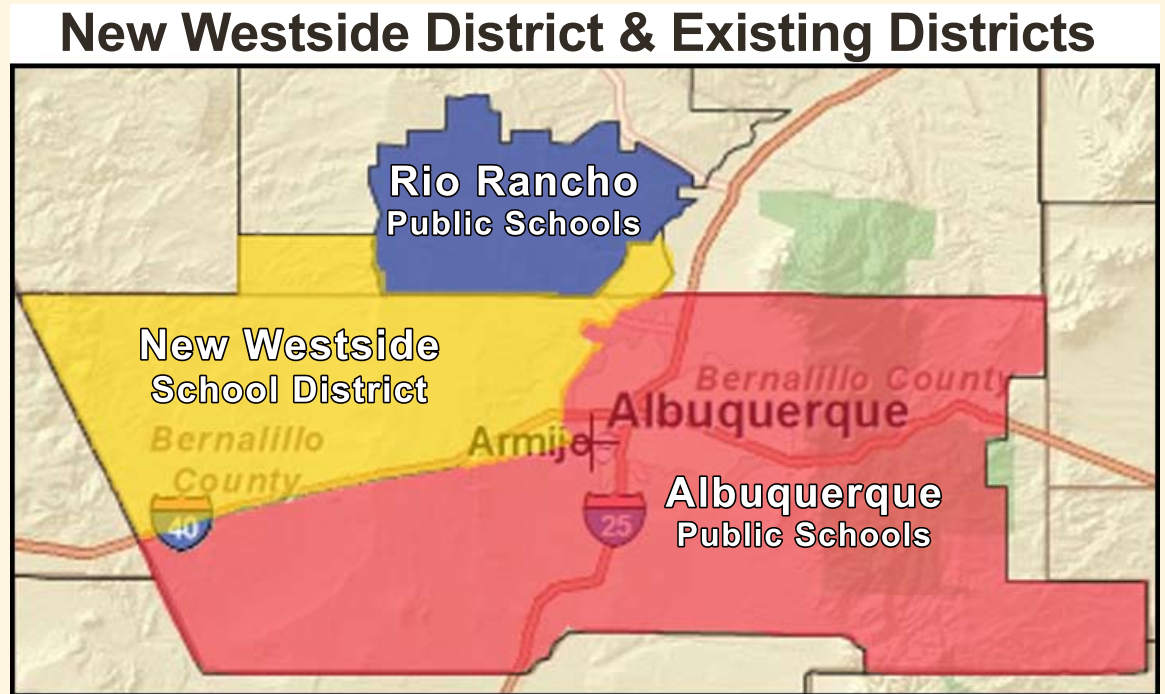
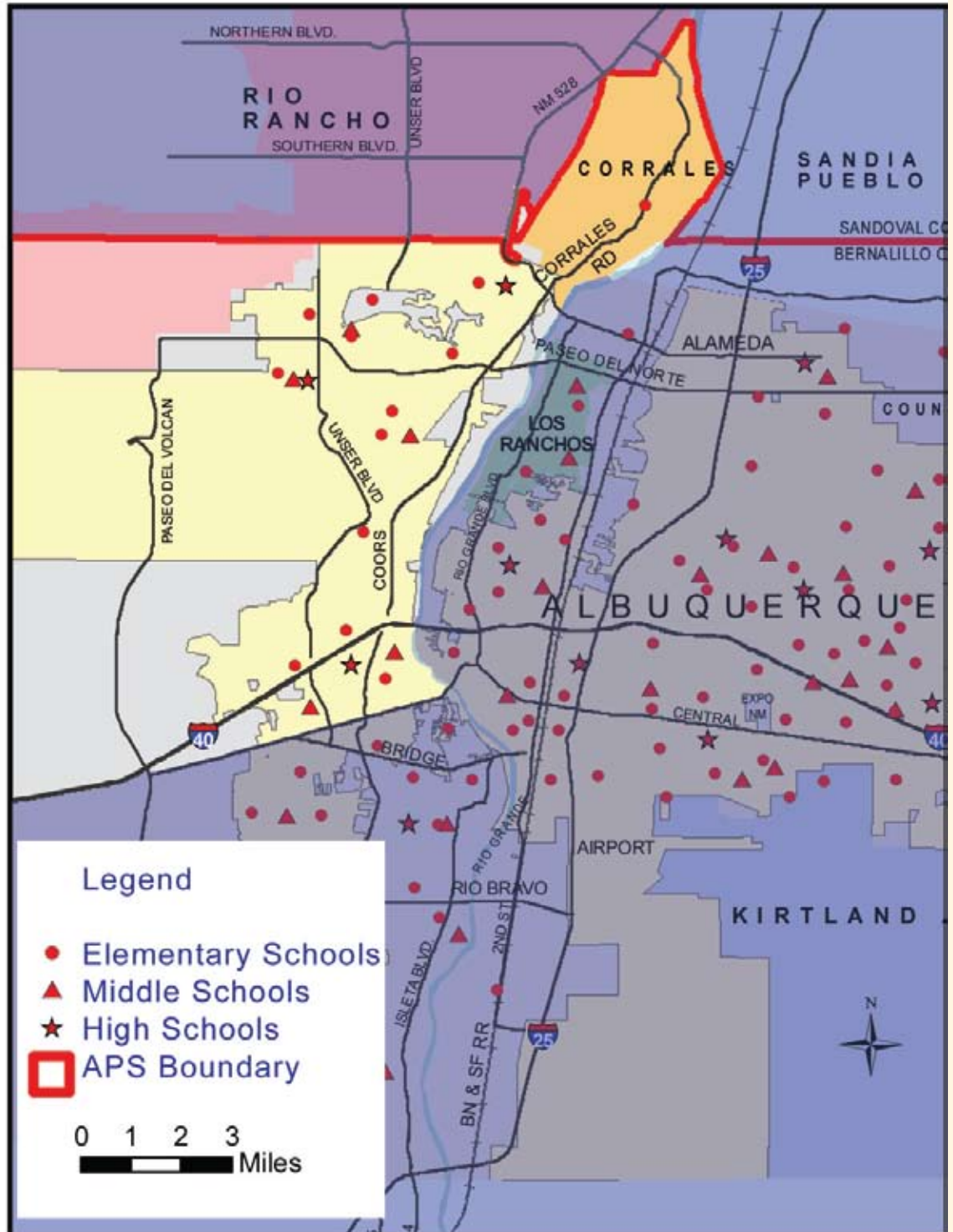


Figure 2

Map of New District Schools



SCHOOL DETAILS: QUANTITY, GRADE-LEVELS AND POPULATION

WSD will encompass 30 schools total – 27 current APS schools and three new schools according to the WSD Capital Master Plan. The breakdown of current APS schools is as follows: thirteen elementary schools, five middle schools, three high schools, one alternative high school, and five charter schools. A new elementary, middle, and high school plus a Westside Stadium are included in the Capital Master Plan to adequately match projected growth.

Grade levels served at each school will not change from the current APS structure. Elementary schools will serve Kindergarten through 5th grade, middle schools will serve 6th through 8th grade, and high schools will serve 9th through 12th grades. Ventana Ranch Elementary School could potentially open a pre-kindergarten class in the future. Grade levels at the charter schools will be as follows:

- Kindergarten through 7th grade at Corrales International;
- 9th through 12th grade at Creative Education Preparatory #2;
- Kindergarten through 6th grade at Horizon Academy West;
- 6th through 12th grade at La Academia de Esperanza; and
- Kindergarten through 3rd grade at La Promesa Early Learning.

The Westside is projected to grow to over 200,000 residents by 2030. Presently, enrollment at APS schools on the Westside is more than 21,000, 22% of APS's total enrollment. Changes to the boundaries for West Mesa HS, Jimmy Carter MS, and James Monroe MS will affect campus enrollment. Enrollment at James Monroe MS will likely increase by 200 students from Taylor MS, while West Mesa HS and Jimmy Carter MS will likely decrease by a few hundred students. Although enrollment will change in these schools, Title I school parents will continue to have the choice to have their children attend schools with better performance, wherever that may be in the city.

“As the 3rd largest school district in New Mexico, clearly it would have the tax base and student population to make up a successful district from a financial point of view.”

Population at each school is a critical element for creating the district. Several schools currently exceed their design capacity – four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The proposed new schools in the Capital Master Plan will ease overcrowding and accommodate projected growth. Population at each elementary school will range between 560 and 940 students, 900 and 1,200 for middle schools, and 2,000 and 2,575 for the high schools depending on the design capacity of the school.

Table 12 details grades, establishment dates, current enrollment, design capacity, Capital Master Plan student enrollment projections, free/reduced lunch enrollment, and Title I status for each WSD school.

Table 12 Albuquerque Public Schools, NM Public Education Department

	Grades	Year Built	2008-2009 Enrollment	Design Capacity	Capital Master Plan 2000-2013	2009 Free/Reduced	Title I
Chamiza Elementary School	K-5	1995	620	645	474,908	27%	
Chaparral Elementary School	K-5	1984	853	650	1,484,121	62%	yes
Corrales Elementary School	K-5	1964	495	561		29%	
Lavaland Elementary School	K-5	1946/1981	622	650	1,703,687	90%	yes
Marie M. Hughes Elementary School	K-5	1981	725	746	1,973,822	39%	
Painted Sky Elementary School	K-5	1998	1108	650	6,253	75%	yes
Petroglyph Elementary School	K-5	1992	760	849		39%	
S. R. Marmon Elementary School*	K-5	1989/2009	789	831	23,828,130	67%	yes
Seven Bar Elementary School	K-5	2002	861	939	8,736,542	36%	
Sierra Vista Elementary School	K-5	1966	820	650		43%	
Sunset View Elementary School	K-5	2009	535	650	22,000,000		
Tierra Antigua Elementary School	K-5	2009	572	650	150,000,00		
Ventana Ranch Elementary School	K-5**	2004	777	650	14,271,809	17%	
James Monroe Middle School	6-8	2001/08	1612	1200	20,381,998	30%	
Jimmy Carter Middle School	6-8	2000/08	1,186	1200	450,000	78%	yes
John Adams Middle School	6-8	1956	821	900	1,307,962	78%	yes
L. B. Johnson Middle School	6-8	1992	1,049	1150	1,334,602	28%	
Tony Hillerman Middle School	6-8	Fall 2009		1200	44,000,000		
Cibola High School	9-12	1975	2,197	2575	10,600,000	15%	
Volcano Vista	9-12	2009	1,282	2200	115,811,768	20%	
West Mesa High School	9-12	1967	2,292	2000	20,384,842	61%	yes
School On Wheels	9-12		33			67%	yes
Charter Schools							
Corrales International	K-7		87				
Creative Education Prep #2	9-12		171				
Horizon Academy West	K-6		433				yes
La Academia de Esperanza	6-12		225				yes
La Promesa Early Learning	K-3		91				yes
Total Students			21016				

*Year-Round; **Possible Pre-K