

VIII. Collective Bargaining Agreements

We are aware that forming a new school district can be a cause for concern for teachers, educational assistants and staff members who operate with a collective bargaining agreement. But we'd like to point out that new districts are formed quite often, and the results are uniformly positive for those involved. Fear of something unknown should not stop something that is in the best interests of the children. And here's why: in the case of the proposed Westside District, there is every intention of re-forming the same collective bargaining agreements with each union.



There are five unions involved with the creation of a Westside district. They include American Federation of Teachers (AFT) New Mexico, Albuquerque Teachers Federation (ATF), Albuquerque Educational Assistants Association, Albuquerque Secretarial and Clerical Association, and the Maintenance and Operations Association.

In each case, the new school board would immediately begin negotiations with each union to create a collective bargaining agreement for the WSD.

The WSD does not anticipate either opposition or support from the unions.