

LWSD Bargaining Update



In five bargaining sessions, the Union and the District’s discussions have been productive. Along with learning about K-12 funding in the District and the State, we’ve discussed: professional development, fractured IA schedules, IA leave parity with other groups, blended IA/para positions, field techs and help desk concerns and pre-school issues. “We’ve had good discussions and the District appears to understand our needs, but we’ve only formally agreed on some basic contract clean up language,” said Tyler Bass, union spokesperson.

Yesterday, the Union presented the first economic proposal. The Union asked that the District continue their past practice of adding to the State pass-through (currently 4.4%). **“We presented the District with a comprehensive economic proposal** and expected one from them as we agreed to at our last bargaining session. I’m disappointed that the District didn’t honor that agreement and come prepared as we did,” stated Donna Unruh, chapter president and bargaining team member.

The District said that they would seek the economic perimeters of the LWSD Board at Monday’s meeting and come to the next bargaining session with a economic proposal. **The next scheduled bargaining session is Wednesday, June 4.**



“This is an interesting process, but tedious. I have great hope that the District will honor our work with a good wage proposal,” said Katie Kraft, team member.

Where does the money come from to pay our wages and benefits?

The State legislature and the District

Because our jobs are publicly funded, it is important for us as union members to be part of the political process and advocate for greater public funding to support quality in our public schools.

SEIU made amazing progress in the legislature last year for K-12 funding. We must continue those gains and make our voices heard each year by our elected officials. SEIU member participation in COPE makes it happen! Join COPE, and volunteer for activities to get keep education advocates in office.