

CENTRAL WASHINGTON SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT TRUST  
HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Established: December 19, 1979 - to provide health and related benefits for eligible employees of the Yakima School District.

Purpose: To provide for the funding of employee benefits from the contributions of the employer, their employees and any persons eligible to make self payments under applicable law and the maintenance and administration of the Trust Fund. The employees had been dissatisfied with the level of service prior to the establishment of the Trust, and a Coordinator was hired in 1980 to advocate on behalf of the members with claims and eligibility.

The group enjoys the fact that they have control over their own plan design, benefit levels, funding and provider network.

Trustors: The Yakima School District and the Yakima Education Association.

Trustees: The Board of Trustees is made up of six (6) elected representatives; three (3) from management staff (administrators) and three (3) from certificated staff (teachers).

The trustees have years of experience and understand health care issues and health care funding. They meet monthly to review experience, legislative issues and medical issues, and have always taken an active role in the plan design and utilization. The trustees are very active in encouraging network development and access with the medical community, meeting with physician groups, legislators and other health care providers when necessary.