AFT	NEA
?? Participates in national	?? Participates in national
elections	elections
?? Lobbying	?? Lobbying
?? All educational workers,	?? Only workers in a school
higher education, nurses, etc.	organization
?? Affiliated with AFL-CIO	?? No outside affiliation
?? Early success with collective	?? Now represents more schools
bargaining	in collective bargaining
?? Labor organizations involved	?? Active in creating curriculum
in mediation	proposals, policy statements
?? Roots in pension and salary	?? Shaped modern high school
struggles	(Charles Eliot, Committee of
?? Context of labor unions and	Ten)
labor law	?? Standardization of teacher
?? Historical struggle against big	training
business	?? ASCD grew from NEA
?? Goal to increase professional	?? 1962—began collective
and social standing of teachers	bargaining
?? Studies teaching in context of	?? Educational associations do
larger social and economic	mediation
movements	?? Seek equity in financing schools
?? No strike policy until recently?? Work against gender	
discrimination	?? Supporter of smaller class size
?? Recent conservative changes,	?? Mixed support for standards
philosophy of education to	?? Concerns about homogeneity of charter schools
advance economy	of charter schools
?? Supporter of standards and	
small class size	
?? Concerns about charter	
schools being too	
homogeneous (exclusive)	
?? Concerns about for-profits	
invading schools	

Supply and demand issues affect teachers' involvement in unions and sometimes their effectiveness (p. 64-5).