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Texas educators praise Van de Putte's education policy rollout

Lt. Governor nominee releases pre-K through 12th grade education plan

AUSTIN, Texas — The following is a statement from the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) State President Richard Wiggins regarding Sen. Leticia Van de Putte's education policy rollout.

"The proposals outlined by Sen. Van de Putte today are grounded in the everyday realities that educators, students and parents experience in the classroom. She clearly understands that each and every student deserves an equal opportunity to receive an exemplary education by fixing a broken school finance system," Wiggins said.

"The proposals show that she listens to educators, parents and communities who are struggling with a system that relies more on standardized testing and punishing schools than the individual needs of students. The Senator's plan is to bring full-day pre-K with class-size limits, technology upgrades and less reliance on standardized testing get right to the meat of these pressing issues. Teachers are tired of having their hands tied by testing and curriculum decisions made in Austin and Washington, D.C., and they are ready to be given back the trust and respect they deserve and need to be able to lead a classroom. These proposals are right on the mark."

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