



**SUPPORTING YOUR FREEDOM TO TEACH<sup>SM</sup>**

**Association of Texas Professional Educators**  
305 E. Huntland Dr., Suite 300, Austin, TX 78752  
(800) 777-ATPE • (512) 467-0071 • [atpe.org](http://atpe.org)

**Media Contact:**  
Stephanie Jacksis  
Office: 512-467-0071  
Cell: 281-760-8697  
[sjacksis@atpe.org](mailto:sjacksis@atpe.org)

**MEDIA ADVISORY:**  
**April 10, 2014**

**Educators should not fear backlash for taking teacher survey**  
*ATPE encourages educators to participate in anonymous statewide survey*

**LONGVIEW, Texas**— TELL Texas, the first statewide survey of educators ever mandated by the Texas Legislature opened Monday. Although more than 24,000 educators have already participated in the survey, some teachers have expressed their concerns about possible repercussions from their administrators. However, the state’s largest educator association is working to reassure teachers that the survey is anonymous and should not result in any adverse employment actions.

For many years, the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has urged the state to conduct such a survey in order to focus attention on factors that affect both teacher retention and student success.

“This is a unique and exciting opportunity for educators to weigh in on important issues at their campus,” ATPE Executive Director Gary G. Godsey said. “While there’s always the possibility of a school receiving negative feedback, the goal is to help further public education in a collaborative way. We are urging our members to participate in order to help the state meet those needs at the local level.”

Godsey will be in Longview this Saturday for an ATPE regional meeting where he will address his vision for the state’s largest educator association. He will also encourage educators to take TELL Texas, so that policymakers can have a better understanding of educators’ working conditions.

**WHEN:**

11 a.m. Saturday, April 12

**WHERE:**

Papacita’s Mexican Restaurant  
305 W. Loop 281  
Longview, TX 75605