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## **Educators: Get ready to TELL Texas about your school!**

*ATPE encourages educators to participate in this first statewide survey*

**AUSTIN, Texas** – The TELL (Teaching Empowering Leading and Learning) Texas survey is the first statewide survey of educators mandated by the Texas Legislature. 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 the factors that affect both teacher retention and student success.

“This is a unique and exciting opportunity for educators to weigh in on the working conditions at their campus,” ATPE State President Ginger Franks said. “We are glad that the Legislature agreed last session and passed a law requiring the state to conduct such a survey. We strongly encourage all certified professional educators to fully participate to help further public education.”

TELL Texas is an anonymous survey that will run April 7–May 31. It will provide valuable information about working conditions in public schools. This includes class sizes, availability of planning time, access to technology, parental involvement and much more. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Individual survey responses are anonymous. Aggregate results for each campus will be shared with the public at [TellTexas.org](http://TellTexas.org) and will enable the state to better identify local public education needs. Texas can then be in a position to direct resources to those campuses, districts and programs in a targeted manner.

“The more educators who take part in TELL Texas, the more information we will have available to persuade legislators and policymakers to support our public schools and their staff members in meaningful ways,” Franks said.