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Special education teacher is new ATPE state president *State's largest educator group welcomes Richard Wiggins*



AUSTIN, Texas – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) recently elected 12-year-member Richard Wiggins as the association's state president for the 2014-15 school year. Wiggins, a special education department chair for Boerne ISD, will represent the organization and more than 100,000 Texas public school educators who are members.

An ATPE member for 12 years, Wiggins has served as the association's state vice president, secretary and treasurer. The education veteran has also volunteered on numerous ATPE state committees and was a former director of ATPE Region 20.

"It's an honor to be a part of an organization that advocates for Texas school children and educators," Wiggins said. "My goal is to take the association to the next level and ensure that kids receive the best education they can. Teachers don't get into this business for money; we do it because we want to make a difference. The choices we make have a huge impact on our students, and we're looking to teach each child as if they were our own."

His community involvement includes service as a Lamar University Alumni Association director, a distinguished club president for the Boerne Optimist Club and a lieutenant governor for South Texas Optimist International.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has been a strong voice for Texas educators since 1980. It is the leading educators' association in Texas with more than 100,000 members statewide. With its strong collaborative philosophy, ATPE speaks for classroom teachers, administrators, future, retired and para-educators and works to create better opportunities for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public school educators.