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ATPE launches new website featuring information on candidates running for state legislature, board of education

AUSTIN – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) recently unveiled a new advocacy website. *TeachtheVote.org* makes it easy for Texas voters to learn where the candidates for state Legislature and the State Board of Education stand on important public education issues.

“If the people we elect to represent us do not actively support our public schools, they do not support our children,” said ATPE State President Cheryl Buchanan. “Our state legislators cut \$5.4 billion from public school funding last session. We desperately need to elect pro-public education candidates.”

TeachtheVote.org does not endorse candidates but instead focuses on where all of the candidates stand on public education issues. Users of the site can enter in their zip code to see a list of candidates running for office in their area and read candidate profiles and voting records on education-related legislation as well as candidate responses to an ATPE-provided survey.

“Turning out to support candidates who are public education-friendly during the primary election is especially important because many primary winners will face no general election opponent,” Buchanan said about the May 29 Texas primary election. “That means the primary will decide who wins the office.”

For more information, visit TeachtheVote.org.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators is the preeminent educators’ association in Texas and the largest nonunion educators’ group in the nation. Its membership consists of classroom teachers, para-educators, administrators, college students and retired educators. ATPE is committed to advocating for better benefits for all educators, promoting a collaborative work environment and the right of educators to choose the association they feel represents their interests, and providing the best education possible for all Texas school children.