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## **ATPE looks forward to working with new TEA commissioner**

AUSTIN – The following is a statement by Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) President Deann Lee regarding Gov. Rick Perry’s appointment of Michael Williams as commissioner of the Texas Education Agency.

“We hope that Commissioner Williams will reach out to public school educators and strive to provide an equal opportunity for Texas students to receive an exemplary public education. We look forward to working with the commissioner and the agency as we approach the current school finance lawsuit and the next legislative session.”

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*The Association of Texas Professional Educators is the preeminent educators’ association in Texas and the largest nonunion educators’ group nationwide. 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.*