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## **ATPE thanks local teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week**

*Educators at Harris Elementary received the star treatment*

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Today, the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) thanked local teachers for their dedication to educating Texas' students. As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, the association provided free 15-minute chair massages for all staff members and faculty at Harris Elementary, a school that ATPE staff members "adopted" nine years ago.

"We have had a very good partnership with Harris Elementary for many years," ATPE Executive Director Gary Godsey said. "This is just a small way of saying 'thank you' for their hard work in educating public schoolchildren."

Since 2005, ATPE staff members have volunteered thousands of hours as mentors and tutors for students. Additionally, the association has purchased classroom equipment, books and has sponsored dozens of field trips.



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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, para-educators, administrators, college students and retired educators and works to create a better future for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public educators.