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**State's largest educator association to testify against vouchers**  
*ATPE opposes taking money away from cash-strapped public education system*

**AUSTIN, Texas** — On Monday, October 17, the House Public Education Committee will hear testimony regarding vouchers. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. at the Capitol in room E2.036.

“ATPE has always opposed vouchers,” ATPE Lobbyist Monty Exter said. “They remove money from the already cash-strapped public education system, potentially to the tune of as much as \$9 billion a biennium. The majority of research shows vouchers don’t help the students have better educational outcomes.”



Exter will be testifying at the hearing. Media is encouraged to attend. If you’d like to schedule an interview, please contact ATPE Media Relations Specialist Stephanie Jacksis.

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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 education.