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School finance lawsuit decision proves system is broken and harming students

AUSTIN— State district Judge John Dietz ruled today that Texas’ system of funding schools is not adequately funded or efficient. The following is a statement from the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) State President Deann Lee regarding this ruling.

“Judge Dietz made the only prudent decision that could be made today regarding public education funding in Texas; the system is broken, unconstitutional, and doing harm to students,” Lee said. “The Texas legislature has failed to meet its responsibility to our state’s schoolchildren and provide them with the resources they need to compete in an increasingly competitive global economy. This ruling is a victory for our state and our public schools and especially for students and their parents.”

Read more from ATPE on this ruling in our blog posting, “Court finds Texas school finance system unconstitutional” at <http://tiny.cc/jo8zrw>.

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