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Beaumont ATPE applauds TEA ruling

BEAUMONT, Texas — The following is a brief statement from the Beaumont president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) regarding today's ruling by the Texas Education Agency. In addition to upholding the commissioner's decision to lower the district's accreditation, the hearing officer also supported the decision to elevate the current TEA-appointed monitor to conservator.

"I applaud the decision by the TEA to elevate the current BISD monitor to conservator," Beaumont ATPE President Suellen Ener said. "I am hopeful that the district court in Austin will allow the commissioner to appoint a Board of Managers. If this board and this administration truly cared about the district they would stop their costly appeals so we can start the process of restoring our district and regaining the community's trust."

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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 school educators.