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Judge Dietz to address Texas teachers Sunday *ATPE to host 2015 Lobby Day*

AUSTIN, Texas — State District Judge John Dietz, who recently ruled that Texas' system of funding public schools is unconstitutional, will address hundreds of educators Sunday, February 22, during the Association of Texas Professional Educator's (ATPE) political involvement training. More than 400 educators from across the state will gather at the Hyatt Regency Austin (Texas Ballroom) for the two-day event that includes ATPE's Lobby Day, Monday, Feb. 23 at that State Capitol.

"We are excited to have such influential speakers this year," ATPE Executive Director Gary Godsey said. "Attending Lobby Day is a great way for Texas educators to learn more about public education's new leadership and funding challenges. It gives teachers an opportunity to build relationships with elected officials and tell lawmakers how severe budget cuts have affected their classrooms."

Schedule of events:

- Sunday
1:00 p.m. Opening general session, Rev. Charles Johnson — public education advocate
2:45 p.m. General session
4:30 p.m. Closing session featuring Judge Dietz
- Monday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Educators meet with legislators at the Capitol

To find out more, visit www.atpe.org/LobbyDay. Media are welcome to attend; please contact ATPE Media Relations Stephanie Jacksis if you are planning to attend.

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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.