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Dear Superintendent:

One of the responsibilities of professional educators is to model active citizenship and civic engagement. It is in this spirit that the Association of Professional Educators (ATPE) is pleased to announce the **2023 ATPE at the Capitol event to be held Monday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Austin.**

Educators from around the state will gather for two days of training, education, and interaction with their elected lawmakers. Please visit [atpe.org/aatc](http://atpe.org/aatc) to learn more about our agenda for the event. It is critical that educators share their input as the 88th Texas Legislature considers legislation that will significantly impact education policy statewide.

We know staffing is a challenge for school districts now, but that is why it is so important for elected officials to hear directly from educators about their needs back home. We respectfully ask that you please give ATPE educators in your district permission to join us in Austin for this February event and support them in fulfilling this important civic duty.

The upcoming session will determine the future of public education in Texas. Fortunately, our state has a budget surplus that could help our public schools deal with staff shortages, implement school safety measures, and provide the resources students need, but the education community must proactively advocate to prevent those funds from being diverted elsewhere. The threats of losing public education dollars to private school vouchers, facing unfunded mandates, and having our schools micromanaged by the state are greater than ever before. We look forward to helping educators actively engage in and steer those conversations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or ATPE Governmental Relations at [government@atpe.org](mailto:government@atpe.org) with any questions about this event. Thank you for your leadership, your commitment to our public education community, and your stewardship of our precious public schools.

Sincerely,

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