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## **Texas Governor Calls for Special Session Attacking Teachers** *State's largest educator group urges legislators to support educators*

**AUSTIN, Texas** — Rumors of a special session were put to rest today after Gov. Greg Abbott's announcement in his press conference. Abbott stated that anti-teacher payroll deduction legislation would be included in the special session call. The state's largest educator group, the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), is urging legislators to oppose this shameful attack on public school employees.



"After one of the most divisive sessions in recent memory, it's sad to see Gov. Greg Abbott call lawmakers back to Austin specifically to attack teachers," ATPE Lobbyist Mark Wiggins said. "Texas educators work hard to lift children of all backgrounds and shape them to become future leaders. This bill continues to be marketed under false pretenses and is nothing more than a slap in the face to teachers."

Our association will continue to fight to ensure teachers have the same rights, respect and voice as all other public employees.

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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.*