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- 1** ATPE's **six full-time lobbyists** represent you at the Capitol in Austin and in Washington, D.C. The ATPE lobby team includes a former state senator and education chairman as well as a full-time lobbyist in Washington, D.C., who represents you on important issues such as Social Security and No Child Left Behind.
- 2** The **ATPE Legislative Program**, the basis of all ATPE advocacy efforts, is determined entirely by ATPE members.
- 3** ATPE is an independent association with no national affiliate, which means our **advocacy efforts focus solely on Texas** public educators and schoolchildren. ATPE does not endorse candidates or tell members how to vote.
- 4** The **ATPE Political Action Committee (ATPE-PAC)** allows members to pool their money to make political donations only to those candidates and officeholders who demonstrate support for public education and ATPE's legislative priorities.
- 5** ATPE's **Legislative Alert Network (LAN)**, a free e-mail service, provides members a fast and easy way to communicate directly with legislators as they make decisions on important education-related legislation.

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