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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI] Panzarella Amy (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 111 WEST CONGRESS (Check all applicable) **STREET** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SVP, HR & Community Affairs Person **CHARLES** Form filed by More than One **TOWN. WVÂ 25414** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock, par value \$.01 5,982 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/04/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01	1,300	\$ 34.8	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/03/2018	Common Stock, par value \$.01	1,100	\$ 37.52	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Panzarella Amy 111 WEST CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	Â	Â	SVP, HR & Community Affairs	Â

Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Sunderland, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact

12/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes 3,533 shares subject to Restricted Stock Awards made pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive (1) Plan, including 333 shares that vest on January 20, 2017, 474 shares that vest on October 1, 2017 and 2,726 shares that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 17, 2017.
- (2) As of the date hereof, all shares were exercisable.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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