Gibbons Peter W Form 4 February 05, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Gibbons Peter W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(City)

AMERICAN PUBLIC **EDUCATION INC [APEI]** 

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2008

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below) SVP, Chief Adminstrative Offic

111 W. CONGRESS STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

#### CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

		Table	1 - 110H-D	ciivative	occur i	illes Acq	lan ca, Disposca (	n, or beliefferal	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Ilisti. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIIsu: +)	(msu. +)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIIsu. 5 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/17/2008		M	9,118	A	\$ 0.96	45,518	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/17/2008		M	6,079	A	\$ 1.05	51,597	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.96	01/17/2008		M	9,118	10/16/2007	10/15/2013	Common Stock	9,118
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.05	01/17/2008		M	6,079	<u>(1)</u>	01/13/2015	Common Stock	6,079

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
reporting Owner runner runner	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gibbons Peter W

111 W. CONGRESS STREET SVP, Chief Adminstrative Offic

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

## **Signatures**

/s/ Lisa G. Kessler, Attorney-in-Fact 02/05/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The remaining shares underlying the option become exercisable in two equal installments on January 14, 2009, and 2010.

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