Leuba Mark L. Form 4 March 17, 2009

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Leuba Mark L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

AMERICAN PUBLIC **EDUCATION INC [APEI]**

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify below)

SVP, Chief Information Officer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

111 W. CONGRESS STREET

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

(City)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				(4)	Reported			
				(A)	Transaction(s)			
				or	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	Amount (D) Price				
Common				4,000 s				
Stock, par	03/16/2009		S	$^{4,000}_{(1)}$ D $^{3}_{41.8}$	18,305	D		
value \$.01				<u>(1)</u> 41.8				
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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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Leuba Mark L.			SVP, Chief				
111 W. CONGRESS STREET			Information				
CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414			Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Lisa G. Kessler,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/17/2009

**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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on August 13, 2008, which is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.

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