

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CLOUGH PHILLIP A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 910

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/01/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 BALTIMORE, MD 21202-3116

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 | 10/01/2008 | | A | 228 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 4,238,549 ⁽²⁾ ₍₃₎ | 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)

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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. 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CLOUGH PHILLIP A 400 EAST PRATT STREET SUITE 910 BALTIMORE, MD 21202-3116 | X | X | | |

Signatures

Phillip A. Clough
10/03/2008
 **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) Prior to the beginning of the year the reporting person elected to receive common stock in lieu of cash for a portion of their annual retainer, which retainer is paid in quarterly installments.
 Of the total shares ABS Capital Partners IV, LP owns 3,728,057 shares, ABS Capital Partners IV-A, LP owns 124,825, ABS Capital IV Offshore, LP owns 214,103, ABS Capital IV Special Offshore, LP owns 145,967 shares (collectively, the ?Funds?), and Timothy T. Weglicki directly owns 8,408 shares and indirectly owns 5,192 shares owned by The Timothy T. Weglicki Irrevocable Trust dated March 11, 1999 (the ?Trust?), which shares Mr. Weglicki disclaims beneficial ownership of except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) ABS Partners IV L.L.C., as the general partner (the ?General Partner?) of the Funds and Phillip A. Clough and Timothy T. Weglicki as managers of the General Partner (the ?Managers?), are indirect beneficial owners of the reported securities. The General Partner and each of the Managers disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Funds, Timothy T. Weglicki and the Trust except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. CONTINUED FOOTNOTE 3.
- (3) CONTINUED FROM FOOTNOTE 2. The General Partner of the Funds has voting and dispositive power over the shares owned by the Funds.

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