

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 \*  
**WARNOCK DAVID L**

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)  
**C/O CAMDEN PARTNERS, 500 EAST PRATT ST, SUITE 1200**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/02/2009**

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

**BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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			
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/02/2009		A	207 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0	103,088	I	See Footnotes <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARNOCK DAVID L C/O CAMDEN PARTNERS 500 EAST PRATT ST, SUITE 1200 BALTIMORE, MD 21202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Donald W. Hughes,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/06/2009

\*\*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) 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.  
Donald W. Hughes, David L. Warnock, Richard Johnston and Richard Berkeley (the "Managing Members") are the managing members of Camden Partners Strategic Manager, LLC ("CPSM"), which is the managing member of Camden Partners Strategic III, LLC ("CPS III"). CPS III is the General Partner of Camden Partners Strategic Fund III, L.P. ("Fund III"), which is the direct beneficial owner of 96,010 shares, and Camden Partners Strategic Fund III-A, L.P. ("Fund III-A," together with Fund III, the "Funds"), which is the direct beneficial owner of 3,990 shares....(continued onto next footnote).
- (3) (continued from previous footnote)...CPSM, CPS III and the Managing Members may be deemed indirect beneficial owners of the shares owned by the Funds. CPSM, CPS III and each of the Managing Members disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the Funds and Mr. Warnock, except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. Each of the Funds disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the other and by Mr. Warnock, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

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