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FORM	/1 4 UNITED	STATES							COMMISSIC		DMB Number	3235	-0287
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(Print or Type	Responses)												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Wilkins Harry T			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) 1111 W. CONGRESS STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Chief Financial Officer					
Fi			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
	TOWN, WV 254								Person	•		1 0	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							equired, Disposed		r Benefi	-	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8	ction 8)	4. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3, Amount	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owned Form Direct or Ind (I) (Instr	et (D) direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	02/25/2010			S <u>(1)</u>		500	D	\$ 42.54 (2)	41,611.5	I		By Wilkin Asset Managem Inc. (3)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01									101,465	D			
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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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Wilkins Harry T 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414			EVP, Chief Financial Officer						
Signatures									

/s/ Harry T. Wilkins	03/01/2010			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on March 19, 2009.

The price of \$42.54 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$42.38 to \$42.65 per share. The reporting person(2) undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of his pecuniary benefit, of the securities owned by Wilkins

(3) Asset Management, Inc., and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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(4) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his son, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his son's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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