

Beckett Thomas  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Beckett Thomas

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)  
111 WEST CONGRESS STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/15/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, General Counsel

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

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	01/15/2018		A <sup>(1)</sup>	3,017	A \$ 0 9,999	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/17/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>	453	D \$ 25.9 9,546	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/17/2018		F <sup>(3)</sup>	336	D \$ 25.9 9,210	D	
Common Stock, par	01/19/2018		S <sup>(4)</sup>	300	D \$ 25.18 8,910	D	



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- (2) The issuer withheld shares of Common Stock from the reporting person to pay the tax withholding obligations related to the vesting of restricted shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person.
- (3) The issuer withheld shares of Common Stock from the reporting person to pay the tax withholding obligations related to the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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