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American Public Education to Announce First Quarter 2008 Financial Results on May 2, 2008

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Extends Lockup Period through May 19, 2008

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 25, 2008--American Public Education, Inc. (NASDAQ: APEI) - parent company of online learning provider American Public University System, which operates through American Military University and American Public University - plans to release first quarter 2008 results prior to the opening of U.S. financial markets on May 2, 2008.

A live webcast of its first quarter 2008 conference call will be broadcast at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on Friday, May 2, 2008. This call will be open to listeners who log in through the Company's investor relations website, www.AmericanPublicEducation.com. A replay of the live webcast will also be available starting approximately one hour after the conclusion of the live conference call. The replay will be archived and available to listeners for one year.

In connection with its initial public offering completed in November 2007, American Public Education and its executive officers, directors and certain stockholders agreed not to sell shares (aggregating a total of approximately 7.8 million shares), with certain exceptions, until the end of a lockup period ending May 6, 2008. However, as provided by the lockup agreements, the issuance of the Company's earnings will extend the lockup period. As a result, the shares subject to lockup agreements will become freely tradable in the public market beginning May 20, 2008, subject to certain extension as described in the prospectus for the initial public offering.

About American Public Education, Inc.

American Public Education, Inc. (NASDAQ: APEI) is a leading provider of online higher education focused primarily on serving the military and public service communities. American Public University System (APUS), wholly owned by APEI, comprises two universities - American Military University (AMU) and American Public University (APU). Regionally and nationally accredited, APUS serves over 30,000 students who live and work in all 50 states and more than 130 countries; and offers 57 degree

programs and 48 certificate programs in fields ranging from homeland security, military studies, intelligence, and criminal justice to technology, business administration, public health, and liberal arts.

Forward Looking Statements

With the exception of historical information, the statements set forth above include forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based upon information available to the Company as of the date hereof, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any such forward looking statements. Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements are discussed in the Company's filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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