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American Public Education to Present at William Blair & Company 2008 Growth Stock Conference

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CHARLES TOWN, W.Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 6, 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 - announced that President and Chief Executive Officer, Wallace E. Boston, Jr. plans to address the financial community at the William Blair & Company 28th Annual Growth Stock Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Boston's presentation will begin at 4:20 p.m. central time (5:20 p.m. eastern time) on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. A link to a live webcast of the presentation, as well as an audio replay, will be available to listeners who log in through American Public Education's investor relations website, www.AmericanPublicEducation.com. The replay will be available in the webcast section for 30 days after the presentation.

About American Public Education, Inc.

American Public Education, Inc. (NASDAQ:APEI) is an online provider of 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 more than 33,000 part-time students who live and work in all 50 states and more than 100 countries; and offers 73 degree 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

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differ materially from such statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "should", "will" and "would". These forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements regarding expected growth. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the various risks described in the "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 as filed with the SEC. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future.

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