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Via U.S. Mail and facsimile to (304) 724-3786

Mr. Wallace E. Boston, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Public Education, Inc.
111 West Congress Street
Charles Town, West Virginia 25414

**Re: American Public Education, Inc.
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008
Filed March 10, 2008
File No. 001-33810**

Dear Mr. Boston:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen Krebs for
Larry Spigel
Assistant Director