



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 11, 2011

Via E-mail

Randall H. Brown

Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Education Realty Trust, Inc.

530 Oak Court Drive

Suite 300

Memphis, TN 38117

Re: Education Realty Trust, Inc.
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2010
Filed March 9, 2011
File No. 1-32417

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Woody

Kevin Woody
Accounting Branch Chief