



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

Mailstop 3233

July 22, 2016

Via E-mail

Mr. Edwin B. Brewer, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer  
Education Realty Trust, Inc.  
999 South Shady Grove Road, Suite 600  
Memphis, TN, 38120

**Re: Education Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015  
Filed February 29, 2016  
File No. 001-32417**

Dear Mr. Brewer:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, page 67

1. Please tell us how your income statement presentation complies with the requirements of Rule 5-03 of Regulation S-X and ASC 360-10-45-5. Specifically, it is unclear why your presentation of "Gain on sale of collegiate housing properties" is classified after income from continuing operations for the periods presented.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 6. Collegiate housing properties and assets under development, page 95

2. Please tell us how you complied with footnote 6 to Rule 12-28 of Regulation S-X, or tell us how you determined it was not necessary to disclose the aggregate cost of your real estate assets for Federal income tax purposes.

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 Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to 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.

You may contact Jeffrey Lewis, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-6216 or the undersigned at (202) 551-3438 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert F. Telewicz, Jr.

Robert F. Telewicz, Jr.  
Accounting Branch Chief  
Office of Real Estate and  
Commodities