

Education Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form DEFA14A  
April 09, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14a-101)  
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION  
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**Education Realty Trust, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

N/A

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EDUCATION REALTY TRUST, INC. Shareholder Meeting to be held on May 20, 2008 \*\*  
IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\* Proxy Material Available Regarding the Availability of Proxy Material 1  
Form 10-K 2 Notice & Proxy Statement You are receiving this communication because you hold shares  
in the above company, and the material you should review before you cast your vote is now available.  
This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy material that is available to  
you on the Internet. B We encourage you to access and review all of the important A information  
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Meeting Information How To Vote Vote In Person Meeting Type: Annual Meeting Meeting Date:  
May 20, 2008 Should you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting you must request a legal  
proxy . To request a Meeting Time: 9:00 AM CDT legal proxy please follow the instructions at For  
holders as of: April 01, 2008 www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the material. Many  
shareholder meetings have attendance requirements Meeting Location: including, but not limited to, the  
possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting  
material for any special Education Realty Trust requirements for meeting attendance. 530 Oak Court  
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Voting items The Board of Directors recommends that you vote For the following. 1. Election of Directors Nominees 01 Paul O. Bower 02 Monte J. Barrow 03 William J. Cahill, III 04 John L. Ford 05 Wendell W. Weakley The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s). B 2 To consider and vote upon the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as EDR s independent A registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. R NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. C O D E R200803.14 CONTROL # © 0000 0000 0000 Broadridge Internal Use Only Acct # 00000015873 Shares Cusip Job # Envelope # Sequence # # of # Sequence #

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