FORM 8-K

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report: January 10, 2011

Education Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

Education Realty Trust, Inc.

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> 001-32417 (Commission File Number)

20-1352180 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

530 Oak Court Drive, Suite 300 Memphis, Tennessee (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

38117 (Zip Code)

901-259-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Education Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") today announced that it has closed its underwritten public offering of 13,225,000 shares of its common stock, including 1,725,000 shares purchased by the underwriters pursuant to an overallotment option. The common stock was offered and sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement, dated January 5, 2011, and a base prospectus, dated September 10, 2009, relating to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-161493). A copy of the press release announcing the closing of the Company's offering and the exercise of the overallotment option by the underwriters is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instructions B.2 and B.6 of Form 8-K, the information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 hereto), shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated January 10, 2011

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EDUCATION REALTY TRUST, INC.

Date: January 10, 2011

By:

/s/ Randall H. Brown Randall H. Brown Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

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Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated January 10, 2011