

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

August 9, 2022

Angela Selden 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 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 Filed March 2, 2022 File No. 001-33810

Dear Angela Selden:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Trade & Services

cc: Richard W. Sunderland Jr., CPA