Education Realty Trust, Inc. Form 8-K January 07, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8 K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2014 (January 1, 2014)

Education Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland 001-32417 20-1352180 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

999 South Shady Grove Road, Suite 600

Memphis, Tennessee 38120 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (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):

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan

Effective January 1, 2014, Education Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") implemented the Education Realty Trust, Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2014 LTIP"). The terms of the 2014 LTIP are substantially similar to the terms of the Company's previous long-term incentive programs, all of which are described in detail in the Company's annual proxy statement under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section. The terms of the 2014 LTIP differ from the previous long-term incentive programs as follows:

The 2014 LTIP provides that 25% of a participant's award consists of a grant of restricted shares of the Company's common stock, or restricted stock, which will vest in equal annual installments over three years.

The remaining 75% of a participant's award consists of a grant of restricted stock units, or RSUs, with each RSU representing the right to receive in the future one share of the Company's common stock. As with the 2013 LTIP, the vesting of RSUs is based upon the Company's achievement of total stockholder returns, or TSR, in relation to (i) for one-half of the award, the average TSR of a peer group, and (ii) for one-half of the award, the average TSR of the NAREIT Equity Index, over a three-year period.

The number of RSUs to be granted to each participant under the 2014 LTIP will be determined by dividing a specified dollar amount by the fair value of each RSU as of December 31, 2013, determined as soon as practicable after December 31, 2013. The fair value of each RSU will be calculated by applying a discount rate or premium to the market price per share of the Company's common stock as of December 31, 2013. The discount or premium will be computed by a third party valuation consultant using the Monte Carlo simulation to determine the effects of volatility, interest rates and dividends over a defined period of time.

The table below shows the number of shares of restricted stock awarded to certain participants pursuant to the 2014 LTIP.

Participant Time-Vested Restricted Stock (25% of 2014 LTIP Award)

Randy Churchey 31,434 shares
Thomas Trubiana 17,715 shares
Randall H. Brown 6,519 shares
Christine Richards 5,669 shares
J. Drew Koester 1,842 shares

The table below shows the dollar amounts of RSUs that certain participants would earn pursuant to the 2014 LTIP if the Company achieves "Threshold," "Target" or "Maximum" TSR performance levels.

	Number of shares of Common Stock from the Vesting of RSUs (75%)		
Participant	of 2014 LTIP Award) Based Upon:*		
	Threshold	Target	Maximum
	Performance	Performance	Performance
Randy Churchey	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair Value of \$1,247,625
	Value of \$415,875 as		as of December 31,
	of December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013	2013
Thomas Trubiana	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair
	Value of \$234,375 as	Value of \$468,750 as	Value of \$703,125 as
	of December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013
	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair
Randall H. Brown	Value of \$86,250 as of	Value of \$172,500 as	Value of \$258,750 as
	December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013
Christine Richards	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair
	Value of \$75,000 as of	Value of \$150,000 as	Value of \$225,000 as
	December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013	of December 31, 2013
	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair	RSUs with a Fair
J. Drew Koester	Value of \$24,375 as of Value of \$48,750 as of Value of \$73,125 as of		
	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2013

<sup>\*</sup> The Compensation Committee may also interpolate between the specified performance goals.

#### **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 7, 2014 By: /s/ Randall H. Brown

Randall H. Brown

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,

Treasurer and Secretary