Education Realty Trust, Inc. Form DEFA14A April 08, 2009

### 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)

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Important Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting of

**Education Realty Trust** To Be Held On: May 20, 2009 at 9:00 am, Central Daylight Savings Time 530 Oak Court Drive, Suite 300, Memphis, Tennessee 38117

> **COMPANY NUMBER** ACCOUNT NUMBER **CONTROL NUMBER**

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before May 6, 2009. Please visit www.edrtrust.com, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
- Proxy Statement
- Form of Electronic Proxy Card
- Annual Report on Form 10-K

TO REQUEST TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) and 718-921-8562 (for international callers) MATERIAL:

E-MAIL: info@amstock.com

WEBSITE: http://www.amstock.com/proxyservices/requestmaterials.asp

TO VOTE:

ONLINE: To access your online proxy card, please visit www.voteproxy.com and follow the on-screen instructions. You may enter your voting instructions at www.voteproxycom up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the cut-off or meeting date.

IN PERSON: You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

- OR -

TELEPHONE: To vote by telephone, please visit https://secure.amstock.com/voteproxy/Iogin2.asp to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call.

MAIL: You may request a card by following the instructions above.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote 2. Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche "FOR" each nominee for director; "FOR" Proposal 2,LLP as EDR's independent auditors for the fiscal year and "FOR" Proposal 3. ending December 31, 2009.

1. Election of Directors: 3. Reapprove the performance goals under the

Education Realty Trust, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan

pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue

NOMINEES: Paul O. Bower Code.

Monte J. Barrow William J. Cahill, Ill John L. Ford Wendell W. Weakley

To obtain directions to the annual meeting where you may vote in person, call EDR's office at (901)-259-2500.

Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail.