Education Realty Trust, Inc. Form 8-K September 25, 2017

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): September 25, 2017

Education Realty Trust, Inc.

Education Realty Operating Partnership, LP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland 001-32417 20-1352180
Delaware 333-199988-01 20-1352332
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) 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):

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 25, 2017, Education Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing leasing results for the 2017-2018 academic year. Same-community opening occupancy was 95.2% for the 2017-2018 lease term, compared to 96.4% occupancy in the prior year. In addition, same-community net rental rates increased 3.0% over the prior year.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The press release will be posted to the Company's website.

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. Description
99.1 Press Release dated September 25, 2017

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: September 25, 2017 By:/s/ Edwin B. Brewer, Jr.

Name: Edwin B. Brewer, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EDUCATION REALTY OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, LP

Date: September 25, 2017 By: EDUCATION REALTY OP GP, INC., its general partner

By: /s/ Edwin B. Brewer, Jr. Name: Edwin B. Brewer, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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