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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROYAL KEVIN | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Bridgepoint Education Inc [BPI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | | |
| 8620 SPECTRUM CENTER BLVD. | | ER BLVD. | (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2018 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Financial Officer | | | |
| (Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92123 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2018 | | M(1) | Amount 13,161 | (D) | \$ 10.44 | 41,207 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2018 | | | 20,704 | | | 61,911 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2018 | | F(1) | 29,857 | D | \$ 13.35 | 32,054 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.44 | 08/17/2018 | | M | 13,161 | (2) | 10/13/2018 | Common Stock | 13,161 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.59 | 08/17/2018 | | M | 20,704 | <u>(2)</u> | 10/13/2018 | Common Stock | 20,704 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROYAL KEVIN 8620 SPECTRUM CENTER BLVD.

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

/s/ Diane L. Thompson, as Attorney-in-Fact 08/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The share issuances reported on Table I (indicated by transaction code M) reflect shares issued upon the exercise of non-qualified stock options granted on March 29, 2017 and March 26, 2016, respectively. Such options were amended in October 2017 to allow for the acceleration of vesting as to an aggregate of 33,865 shares, and to amend the expiration date of both grants to October 13, 2018.

(1) Remaining unvested shares were forfeited. The option exercises are reported on Table II. The exercises were pursuant to a net issuance program adopted by the issuer's board of directors to allow for exercise of the options prior to their expiration. Upon exercise of an option pursuant to the program, the issuer retains shares sufficient in value to cover the aggregate option exercise price and applicable withholding taxes. The withheld shares are indicated by transaction code F on Table I. No shares are sold into the market in connection with option exercises pursuant to the net issuance program.

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(2) Immediately exercisable.

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