PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 12 DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2002 (TO PROSPECTUS DATED OCTOBER 31, 2001 AND PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED DECEMBER 11, 2001)

\$3,000,000,000 USA EDUCATION, INC. Medium Term Notes, Series A Due 9 Months or Longer From the Date of Issue

 Principal Amount:	\$25,000,000	Floating Rate No	otes:	X	Fixed Rate Notes: _
Original Issue Date	: February 15, 2002	Closing Date:	February	 15, 2002	CUSIP Number: 90390M AM2
	April 26, 2004	Option to Extend If Yes, Final Ma Date:	-	X Nc	
	otion of the Company:	 X No	Redempti	 on Price:	Not Applicable.
		 _ Yes	Redempti		Not Applicable.
Repayment at the opt	tion of the Holder: :	X No	Repaymen		Not Applicable.
		_ Yes	Repaymen		Not Applicable.
APPLICABLE TO FIXED	RATE NOTES ONLY:				
Interest Ra	ate:		Interest	Payment	Date(s):
Interest Ad	ccrual Method:				
APPLICABLE TO FLOAT	ING RATE NOTES ONLY:				
Floating Rate Index:	: :				
	_ CD Rate		Index Mat	urity:	Three Months.
	_ Commercial Paper Rate				
	CMT Rate		Spread:	Plus 16	basis points (.16%).
	_ Federal Funds Rate				
	 (LIBOR Telerate				ate: 2.06%.
I_	_ LIBOR Reuters				
1	 _ Prime Rate		Interest	Rate Rese	t Period: Quarterly.
I_	_ 91-Day Treasury Bill	Rate			
Reset Date(s): Each and Note	n January 25th, April 25 October 25th during thes, beginning April 25, Lowing business day conv	oth, July 25th ne term of the 2002, subject to	Interest Date(s):		Each January 25th, April 25th, July 25th and October 25th during the term of the Notes, beginning April 25, 2002, subject to following business day convention.
Interest Determinat: Date:	ion 2 London and New Yo Days prior to the I Date.		Interest	Period:	From and including the previous Interest Payment Date (or Original Issue Date, in the case of the first Interest Accrual Period) to but excluding the current Interest Payment Date (or Maturity Date, in the case of the last Interest Accrual Period).

Lock-in Period Start Date: Not Applicable. Accrual Method: Actual/360.

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Maximum Interest Rate: Not Applicable. Minimum Interest Rate: Not Applicable.

Form: Book-entry.

Denominations: \$1,000 minimum and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess

thereof.

Trustee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase

Manhattan Bank.

Issue Price: 99.9784%.

Agent's Commission: 0.0216%.

Net Proceeds: \$24,994,600.

Agent: J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. is acting as underwriter for

this isssuance.

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