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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE PARAGON SCHOOL, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under the "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act", Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is:

THE PARAGON SCHOOL, INC.

<u>ARTICLE II</u>

PURPOSES

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, literary, educational and scientific purposes, to maintain and operate a school for autistic children, and to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, literary, educational and scientific purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its regulations as they now exist or they may hereafter be amended.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any trustee or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no trustee or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Except as above provided, the corporation shall not afford pecuniary gains, incidentally or otherwise, to its trustees, officers or other private persons.

<u>ARTICLE III</u>

TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall have all voting powers. The Trustees shall be elected in the manner provided in the Bylaws. Any natural person of legal age shall be qualified to be a member of the Board of Trustees. The corporation shall have such classes of members (or no members) as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall commence existence on the date these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State and shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V

INCORPORATOR

The names and addresses of the subscriber is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Helen Leonard

921 S. Trotters Drive Maitland, Florida 32751

<u>ARTICLE VI</u>

OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Board of Trustees from time to time in the bylaws. An officer or trustee may hold one or more offices. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees annually in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Corporation shall consist of not less than three (3) persons nor more than twenty-five (25) persons, the exact number to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

BYLAWS

The bylaws of the corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees of the corporation.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Neither the trustees nor officers of the corporation shall be personally liable for any obligations of the corporation of any nature whatsoever; nor shall any of the property of any trustee or officer of the corporation be subject to the payment of the obligations of the corporation to any extent whatsoever.

Section 2. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

<u>Section 3</u>. This corporation shall have all powers to carry out its purposes and activities incidental to its purposes in furtherance, and not in limitation of, the powers conferred by law and by the "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act", Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or as the same may be amended.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or
- (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)
 (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

Section 5. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4941(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 6. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the corporation shall either operate as a private operating foundation in a manner to qualify as a private operating foundation for purposes of Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws; or it shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 7. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the corporation shall not retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in Section 4943© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 8. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the corporation shall not make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4944(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Section 9. During any period that it is a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws, the corporation shall not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment or all the liabilities of the corporation, pursuant to the procedure of provisions of Florida Statutes §617.1406, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section

501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of the assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XII - Initial Principal Office; Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address and mailing address of the initial principal office and initial registered office of the corporation is 921 S. Trotters Drive, Maitland, Florida 32751 and the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address shall be Helen Leonard.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of February, 2007.

Helen Leonard.
Helen Leonard

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CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Helen Leonard, the undersigned, hereby accepts appointment and hereby consents to serve as registered agent of The Paragon School, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit and agrees to maintain the registered office and accept process according to law.

DATED this 2 day of February, 2007.

Helen Leonard