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Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
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Re: **School Readiness Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation together with check #917 in the amount of \$87.50 payable to Department of State as and for the filing fee for the Corporation as well as a Certified Copy and Certificate. Upon filing, please forward appropriate documents back to the undersigned, whose name and address is, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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for the Firm

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Enclosures

ccs: Dr. William Vogel
Kathy Basile
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SUBJECT: SCHOOL READINESS COALITION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, INC.
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We have received your document for SCHOOL READINESS COALITION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6926.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
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OF

SCHOOL READINESS COALITION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, INC.

A Florida Not-For Profit Corporation

In compliance with Chapter 618, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of the state of Florida and all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I
Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation is the School Readiness Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
Principle Office**

The principle office of the organization is located at 250 NW Country Club Dr., Ste. 240, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

**ARTICLE III
Purpose**

This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The specific purpose for which this corporation is formed is to implement section 411.01, Florida Statutes. Under section 411.01, the purposes for forming this corporation include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To prepare children from birth to 5 years of age, or until the child enters kindergarten, to enter kindergarten ready to learn.
2. To create a program to be administered by the School Readiness Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.
3. To implement a comprehensive program of readiness services that enhance the

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cognitive, social, and physical development of children to achieve the performance standards and outcome measures specified by the partnership.

4. To accommodate the needs of children for extended-day and extended year services, without compromising the quality of the program, by providing extended-day and extended-year services to meet the needs of parents who work.
5. To ensure coordinated staff development and teaching opportunities.
6. To provide expanded access to community services and resources for families to help achieve economic self-sufficiency.
7. To ensure a single point of entry and a unified entry list.
8. To serve at least as many children as were served prior to implementation of the School Readiness Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc. program, as long as funding or eligible populations do not decrease.
9. To ensure there is a community plan to address the needs of all eligible children.
10. To meet all state licensing guidelines, where applicable.

ARTICLE IV **Powers**

This corporation shall have the following powers:

1. The corporation shall have the power to do all lawful acts which are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and accomplish the objectives of the corporation, and which are consistent with the provisions of Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have all powers granted to corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, whether or not specifically enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws.
2. 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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. The corporation shall remain a corporation not for profit. No dividends shall be paid by the corporation, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to

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the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors or officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes set forth in these Articles.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of at least 18, but not more than 25, members. The composition of the Board must conform to the provisions of section 411.01 (5) (a), Florida Statutes. Members of the Board selected/elected in accord with the corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI Duration

The corporation shall exist perpetually, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VII Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such organization or organizations as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations must be recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law; or (2) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is: Linnes Finney Jr., Esq., 320 S. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34948.

ARTICLE IX INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

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Name	Address	Date
<u>William Vogel</u> Dr. William Vogel, Chair	<u>4300 N AIA APT 815B Ft. Pierce FL 34949</u>	<u>2/4/00</u>
<u>Kathryn Basile</u> Kathryn Basile, Vice-Chair	<u>1203 Driftwood La.</u> <u>Ft. Pierce, FL 34982</u>	<u>2/4/00</u>
<u>Nancy Archer</u> Nancy Archer, Secretary	<u>801 S Ocean Dr. #606</u> <u>St. Pete FL 34749</u>	<u>2/4/00</u>
<u>Wallace T. Long</u> Wallace "Toby" Long, Treas.	<u>603 N. TRISTAN RIVER DRIVE, Suite 300</u> <u>FT. PIERCE FL 34950</u>	<u>2/4/00</u>

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my positions as registered agent.

Linnes Finney, Jr., Esq.

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