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SUBJECT: School Readiness Coalition of DeSoto County, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

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Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

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Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Vincent A. Sica, P.A.
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 2080
Address

Arcadia, FL 34265
City, State & Zip

863-491-6400
Daytime Telephone number

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SCHOOL READINESS COALITION OF DeSOTO COUNTY, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I.

Name.

The name of the Corporation shall be: School Readiness Coalition of DeSoto County, Inc..

Article II.

Principal Office.

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

318 Wilson Avenue
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Article III.

Purpose(s).

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 DeSoto County, Inc.
3. To implement a comprehensive program of readiness services that enhances the 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 DeSoto 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.

Article IV. Manner of Election of Directors.

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is:

A Coalition member in good standing shall be eligible for nomination and election to Director of this Coalition. The composition of the Board must conform to the provisions of section 411.01 (5) (a), Florida Statutes.

A Nominating Committee, appointed by the chair and approved by the members, shall convene for the purpose of certifying the eligibility of candidates for Director and to prepare an official slate of nominees. Any person so nominated shall have given prior consent to nomination and election as a Director. Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee.

Each elected Director shall take office at the end of the annual meeting where they will be installed and shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is duly qualified and elected. Directors may serve for a maximum of two consecutive years.

If an office is vacated prior to the completion of a one year term, a member in good standing may be appointed by the Chair and approved by the members to fill the vacancy until the term ends.

Article V. 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 VI.
Initial Registered Agent and Street Address.

The name and Florida street address of the initial Registered Agent are Vincent A. Sica, P.A., 10 South DeSoto Avenue, Suite 101, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

Article VII.
Incorporator.

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

Sharon T. Goodman
SHARON GOODMAN, CHAIRMAN
Signature/Incorporator
Address: 318 Wilson Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266

2-24-00
Date

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 position as registered agent.

Vincent A. Sica
Signature/Registered Agent

2-24-00
Date

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