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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT:	GOLDEN GATE SCHOOL OF OCALA, INC.  (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)				
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:					
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate		
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FROM:	OM: Tommy L. Brooks, Sr.  Name (Printed or typed)				
	2251 NW 2nd Street Address				
	Ocala, Florida 34475 City, State & Zip				

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SECRETARY OF STATE OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

#### GOLDEN GATE SCHOOL OF OCALA, INC.

#### Florida Not For Profit Corporation

The, undersigned, being citizens of the United States, desiring to from a Non-Profit Corporation acting as incorporators of a not for profit corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes adopt (s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Name

The name of the corporation shall be **GOLDEN GATE SCHOOL OF OCALA**, **INC**.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Principal place of business and mailing address

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 2251 NW  $2^{\rm nd}$  Street, Ocala, Florida 34475.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Purpose(s)

This is a non-profit corporation, organized solely for general educational purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set for the in Section 617 of the Florida Statues and Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Further, to create and operate one or more charter schools pursuant to Florida Statues No. 228.056.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Section 1. General Powers.** The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors whose members shall have a fiduciary obligation to the Corporation.
- Section 2. Number, Term and Qualifications. The number of Directors shall be determined from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but no less than three (3) and, in the absence of any such determination, shall be three directors. The term of membership shall be for continuous one (1) year periods, unless removed. Those set forth in the original Articles of Incorporation shall comprise the original Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Election; removal. The manner in which the directors are elected or removed shall be set forth in the bylaws of the corporation.
- **Section 4. Initial directors.** The names and street addresses of the individuals who will hold office until the first annual meeting of members and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified are as follows:

Tommy L. Brooks, Sr.

2140 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street Ocala, FL 34475

Austin W. Long, Sr.

2310 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ocala, FL 34474

Fred J. Smiley, Sr.

PO Box 53 Silver Springs, FL 34489-0053

## ARTICLE V COPORATE OFFICERS

Corporate Officers. In compliance with the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act, the following officers shall be established: Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, Secretary, and other officers as chosen by the Board.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes that are not in conflict with the terms and of the Articles; provided, however, that not withstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### LIMITATIONS

The corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational and literary purposes as a nonprofit corporation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes ser forth in Article III hereof. No 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### DISSOLUTION

(a) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, 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, religious or scientific purposes as shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organization

under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or of the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, directors, or any person except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments in the furtherance of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws of the Corporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity 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, as amended, (or by the corresponding section of any future Revenue Code of the United States of America) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding section of any future United States revenue law).

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, but all alterations, amendments and repeals of the Bylaws must be approved by a majority of the voting Members.

#### ARTICLE X

#### REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

This address of the corporation's registered office shall be  $2251~NW~2^{nd}$  Street, Ocala, Marion County, Florida 34475 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be  $\frac{Tommy~L.}{Tommy~L.}$  Brooks, Sr.

I, the undersigned, being the subscriber and incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this  $\underline{13}$  day of August 2006.

Tommy L. Brooks, Sr., Subscriber

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take Acknowledgements, personally appeared TOMMY L. BROOKS, SR., to me well known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

witness my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this \_\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2006.

Shela Gadson NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission DD216864

Expires May 28, 2007

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTEREDOFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is:

  GOLDEN GATE SCHOOL OF OCALA, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

TOMMY L. BROOKS, SR.

2251 NW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET

Ocala, Florida 34475

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.

8/14/06 (Date)

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