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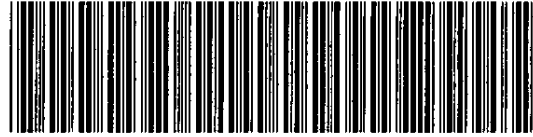
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SUBJECT: Citizens for Strong Schools Inc

(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

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Michael Griffis

Name (Printed or typed)

PO Box 1708

Address

High Springs FL 32655

City, State & Zip

352-317-4045

Daytime Telephone number

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

+ 2 copies

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CFSS INC
PO BOX 1071
Gainesville FL 32602

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In Compliance with Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit)

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

Article I: Name

The name of the Corporation shall be **Citizens for Strong Schools Inc**, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".

Article II: Principal Place of Business

The initial place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is **1120 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601**. The mailing address for the Corporation shall be **PO Box 1071, Gainesville, FL 32602**.

Article III: Purpose

The purposes for which the Corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and no activities shall be permitted that are not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

Except as limited by these Articles of Incorporation or in the Bylaws of the Corporation, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- 1) To gather, analyze, and disseminate data and information relating to education;
- 2) To lobby the public, politicians, government agencies, private businesses, and other organizations about issues concerning education;
- 3) To study, promote, and publicize ways to improve education and ways to better fund education;
- 4) To serve as a core organization to bring together citizens, governmental agencies, and representatives of other organizations who have a common interest in improving education;
- 5) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the Corporation;
- 6) To employ staff, consultants, attorneys, and accountants to ensure that all regulatory provisions are abided;
- 7) To disseminate to the public, civic, and governmental organizations and other non-profit and business entities information relating to the purposes of the Corporation and such other subjects as may from time-to-time arise;
- 8) To exercise powers permitted by Florida law of a corporation not for profit;

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- 9) To register and function as a political committee pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., or the corresponding section of any later adopted statutes; and
- 10) To conduct such other related activities permitted to be conducted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

Article IV: Appointment of Directors

The manners in which the Directors, Officers, and Members of the Corporation are selected will be stated in the Bylaws.

Article V: Directors

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the Corporation are as follows:

Mark McGriff	(PD)	2457 NW 12th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605
Michael Griffis	(VPD)	20491 NW 257th Terrace, High Springs, FL 32643
Sande Calkins	(TD)	618 NW 13th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Article VI: Registered Agent

The initial registered agent is **Michael Griffis** located at **20491 NW 257th Terrace, High Springs, FL 32643**, whose mailing address is **PO Box 1708 High Springs FL 32655**.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Michael Griffis
Signature of Registered Agent

20 Aug 2008
Date

Article VII: Incorporator

Michael Griffis
PO Box 1708
High Springs, FL 32655

Michael Griffis
Signature of Incorporator

20 Aug 2008
Date

Article VIII: Effective Date

The effective date of the Corporation shall be August 20th 2008.

Article IX: Duration

The period of the duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved in accordance with Florida law.

Article X: Bylaws

The Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the Corporation. The Bylaws may be amended, altered, modified or revoked by the Directors in any manner permitted by the Bylaws.

Article XI: Restrictions

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided, however, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, hereof and pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses of fundraising and carrying out the objectives of the Corporation.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not directly or indirectly participate or intervene in the political campaigns on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Section 3. The Corporation shall not exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

Section 4. On the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Corporation, the remaining assets of this Corporation shall be distributed to such organizations as determined by the Directors which have established tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) or any corresponding provisions of any future federal internal revenue law.

Article XII: Indemnification

As provided in the Bylaws, Officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, (including any incurred in appellate proceedings), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Directors

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against any such liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

Article XIII: Non-Stock Basis

This Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

Article XIV: Amendment of These Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, modified, or revoked only upon the vote of the two-thirds majority of the Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names on this 20th day of August 2008.

Mark McGriff
Mark McGriff

Michael Griffis
Michael Griffis

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