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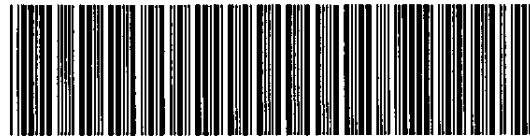
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Lake Gibson Step Up Academy, 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
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& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Alicia Sentner, Charter School Business Services
Name (Printed or typed)

5120 S. Florida Av., Building C, Suite 319
Address

Lakeland, FL 33813
City, State & Zip

863-670-4117
Daytime Telephone number

asentner@tampabay.rr.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME:

The name of the corporation shall be Lake Gibson Step Up Academy, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The place in this state where the principal office of Corporation is to be located is -

7007 N. Socrum Loop Rd.
Lakeland FL 33809
Polk County

ARTICLE III PURPOSE:

Step Up Academies are a unique and independent start up charter school proposed to address the specific needs of those students who are at-risk or who have dropped out of the traditional high school. By creating an independent charter school with a district partnership, students will benefit from the increased flexibility and funding offered to charter schools while still being fully engaged in traditional high school activities, electives and other benefits.

Lake Gibson Step up Academy will operate as an independent public start up charter co-located on a traditional high school campus. The governing board will oversee all operations of the school co-located on a traditional high school campus. The day-to-day operations of the school, including but not limited to all aspects of parental and student interactions, will be the responsibility of the school administrator, who is directly accountable to the governing board. The governing board consists of two school board members, the home school's high school principal, and at least four community members.

Said corporation, Lake Gibson Step Up Academy, Inc., is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION:

1. The nomination and election of officers shall be the first order of business at the Corporation Board meeting immediately following the annual meeting.
2. The Chairperson shall be elected at the last scheduled meeting in June and shall assume such responsibilities at the first scheduled meeting in July of each year and shall serve in such

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- capacity for a one year term.
3. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot unless waived by the unanimous consent of the members of the Corporation Board term.
 4. The election shall be conducted by the Secretary of the meeting as judge of elections and two tellers appointed by the President and shall take the following form:
 - a. Each voting Corporation Board member shall be entitled to one vote, but a nominee must get majority of the total votes cast to be elected.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS:

Name and Title: Tami Dawson, Chairman
Address: 7007 N Socrum Lp Rd
Lakeland, FL 33809

Name and Title: Rudy Jorge, Officer
Address: 7527 Folk Way
Lakeland, FL 33809

Name and Title: Jarvis Kendrick, Officer
Address: 7513 Jessamine Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33810

Name and Title: Kay Fields, Officer
Address: P. O. Box 391
Bartow, FL 33831

Name and Title: Tim Harris, Officer
Address: P. O. Box 391
Bartow, FL 33831

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office or 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 VII REGISTERED AGENT:

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name: Tami Dawson
Address: 7007 N. Socrum Loop Rd.
Lakeland FL 33809

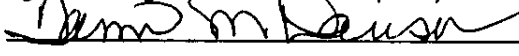
ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR:

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Alicia Sentner
Address: Charter School Business Services
5120 S. Florida Ave., Building C, Suite 319
Lakeland, FL 33813

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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.

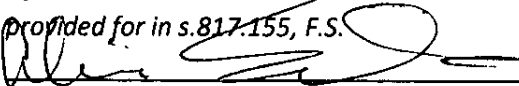


Signature of Registered Agent

2/10/12

Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.



Signature of Incorporator

2/14/12

Date