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SUBJECT: Garden Montessori Charter School, 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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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

## GARDEN MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

(A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation)

The undersigned, the Incorporator of the GARDEN MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., hereby files this, the Articles of Incorporation of GARDEN MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes:

## Article I <u>NAME</u>

The name of this corporation shall be GARDEN MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

## Article II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is:

10219 Garden Alcove Drive Tampa, FL 33647

## Article III PURPOSE

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The Corporation is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida and its purposes are exclusively charitable and educational through the operation of one or more public charter schools. More specifically, the purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

- A. To provide facilities and an environment with teachers and administrators that are student-centered in the approach to learning.
- B. To promote high levels of ethical and moral values as an important part of the educational process.
- C. To promote and encourage collaborative relationships between students and teachers that incorporate learning activities that are academically sound and also include methods of improving students' academic motivation.

# Article IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. <u>Powers</u>. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate for the administration of the affairs of the Corporation and as otherwise set forth more specifically in the Bylaws of the Corporation.
  - B. Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members.
- C. <u>Election; Removal; Resignation</u>. The manner of election, removal and resignation of Directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws.
  - D. Names and Addresses of Initial Directors. The initial directors shall be:

<u>Name</u>	Address	
Christina Perez	28713 Sonny Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544	
Beth Sumner-Finlay	12924 Christmas Drive, San Antonio, FL 33576	
Pat Mulieri	12850 McBride Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610	
Kimberly Preston	24811 Black Creek Court, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639	
Richard Tschantz	10219 Garden Alcove Drive, Tampa, FL 33647	

## Article V INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is;

Richard Tschantz 10219 Garden Alcove Drive Tampa, FL 33647

## Article VI MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members.

## Article VII INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of the Corporation is,

Richard Tschantz 10219 Garden Alcove Drive Tampa, FL 33647

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## Article VIII DURATION

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This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

## Article IX DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, all properties and assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, including disposition of assets pursuant to any applicable charter contract or law applying to charter schools, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision in any future tax code.

## Article X LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its officers, board members, trustees, or other private persons. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

IN WITNESSS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 28th day of July, 2014.

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

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

Printed Name