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May 11, 2018

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: CITIZENS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, INC.

Non-profit Incorporation Our File No.: 13910/0001

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation, together with the Registered Agent form, incident to the above matter. Also enclosed, is my firm's check in the amount of \$78.75, which represents the filing fee of \$70.00, plus the cost of a certified copy of \$8.75.

Please forward a certified copy to this office in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Thank for your assistance in this matter, Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

STRAUGHN & TURNER, P.A.

Douglas A Lockwood, II

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CITIZENS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, INC.

A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporator for the purpose of forming a Florida not for profit corporation under the provision of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is CITIZENS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, INC. Its principal place of business and mailing address is c/o Douglas A. Lockwood, III, 255 Magnolia Ave., S.W., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purposes for which this corporation is operated are exclusively to promote the social welfare of the citizens of Polk County, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future United States tax code, by engaging in conduct designed to improve the primary and secondary school system in Polk County, including, but not limited to, educating the Polk County community of the compelling need for a continuation of the ½ sales tax for school capital improvements. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code.

No part of the net carnings of the corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

The corporation shall have the power to:

- 1. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- 2. Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- 3. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require.
- 4. Adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws in a manner which is not inconsistent with local, state or federal laws or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
- 5. Increase, by a vote of its directors as the bylaws may direct, the number of its directors, mangers, or trustees so that the number shall not be less than two (2) but may be any number in excess thereof.
- 6. Make contacts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income.
- 7. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- 8. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or part of its property or assets.
- 9. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

- 10. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, education or other similar purposes.
- 11. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized and operated.
- 12. Merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE IV: COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

No officer or member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operation of the corporation, except actual expenses to or on behalf of said corporation, if authorized by the board of directors.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any further United States 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 of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organization, as such court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE V: RESIDENT AGENT

The name and address of the corporation's initial Resident Agent in Florida is Douglas A. Lockwood, III, whose Florida street address is at 255 Magnolia Ave. SW, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

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.

DOUGLAS A. LOCKWOOD, III

ARTICLE VI: INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation hereby assigns to this corporation any and all of his rights to constitute a corporation.

ARTICLE VII: INITIAL OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents,

 Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as may be provided for in the bylaws adopted by
 the corporation and as amended from time to time.
- (b) The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation are as follows:

President Jerry Hill

Vice-President Alice Hunt

Vice-President Hunt Berryman

Treasurer Charles McPherson

Secretary Alice Hunt

(c) The officers shall be elected as provide for in bylaws adopted by the corporation and as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the board of directors. This corporation shall have four (4) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws.

- (a) Members of the board of directors shall hold office in accordance with the bylaws.
- (b) The names and addresses of those who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Alice Hunt Co-Chair and Director 5830 Scott Lake Hills Ln.

Lakeland, FL 33883

Jerry Hill Co-Chair and Director

P.O. Box 9414

Winter Haven, FL 33813

Hunt Berryman Director

2924 Kitcham's Pond Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23185

Charles McPherson Director

309 Quails Run Pass Winter Haven, FL 33884

IX: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with Florida law in effect at the time. The procedure to amend articles of incorporation is currently set out in Florida Statutes, Section 617.1002.

ARTICLE X: EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually beginning with the execution of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I. Douglas A. Lockwood, III, the undersigned subscribing incorporator have hereunto set my hand and scal this _____ day of May, 2018, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

DOUGLAS X. LOCKWOOD, III