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Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
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Re: COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF OKEECHOBEE, INC.  
Our File No: 98-8340

Dear Sir/Madam:

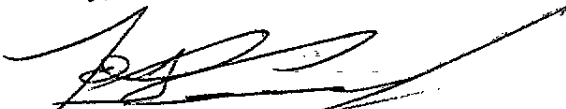
You will find enclosed herewith an *original* executed Articles of Incorporation for COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF OKEECHOBEE, INC., along with a copy of same. Also enclosed is our firms's check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the following:

Filing Fee of Articles	\$35.00
Certified Copy of Articles	\$52.50
Certificate Designating Resident Agent	\$35.00

Please return the certified copy of the Articles, together with your Certification of Incorporation at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
JOHN D. CASSELS, JR.  
JDC/sko

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Enclosures: As stated.

cc: Communities and Schools of Okeechobee, Inc.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF OKEECHOBEE, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit (Florida Statutes Chapter 617), do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation is COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF OKEECHOBEE, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

1. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision 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)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV

The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall contain a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) directors. The directors elected each year at the annual meeting of the members shall be for a term of three years provided however that the initial Board of Directors may be staggered with one, two and three year terms in order to provide continuity to future boards. These directors shall receive no compensation for their services. Paid employees of this corporation or of any agency supported by this corporation shall not be eligible as voting directors of the corporation. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the Board for the unexpired term whenever in its opinion, the appointment of such additional directors is in the best interest of the corporation. The name and address of those people who are to serve as members of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

GINA ARBAGOST	1400 SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Okeechobee, Florida 34974
DANA WILSON	14100 SW Connors Highway Okeechobee, Florida 34974
NANCY BUSBEE	17 Linda Gardens, BHR Okeechobee, Florida 34974
ZELLA KIRK	1900 SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Okeechobee, Florida 34974

#### ARTICLE V

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is: 1690 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. This also represents the address of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall have members. Members of the corporation will be required to meet the following qualifications: Upon request, any member of the Juvenile Justice Council of Okeechobee County shall be a member of the corporation and shall be entitled to voice opinions and votes at the meetings of the members. Further, qualifications and specifics as to membership notifications shall be regulated by the by-laws of the corporation provided they are not inconsistent with these articles.

## ARTICLE VII

Directors - Indemnification. The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director to the full extent permitted by law.

## ARTICLE VIII

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of general jurisdiction, of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE IX

Directors - Meetings. A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

The consent of a majority of the directors shall be required to constitute any act or decision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

The name and address of the incorporator is: LAURIE R. STEPHEN, 1690 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Executed by the undersigned at Okeechobee, Florida on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1998.

Laurie R. Stephen  
LAURIE R. STEPHEN

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day August, 1998, by  
LAURIE R. STEPHEN, ( X ) who is personally known to me, or ( ) who has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Jill R. Pitts  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida



Jill R. Pitts  
MY COMMISSION # CC732735 EXPIRES  
April 12, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

Printed/Typed/Stamped Name of Notary  
My Commission Expires:

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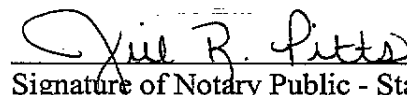
**CONSENT OF RESIDENT AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE**

I, LAURIE R. STEPHEN, hereby agree to be the resident agent for COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF OKEECHOBEE, INC., and further hereby agree to accept any and all correspondence directed to said corporation and addressed to the registered office at 1690 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

  
LAURIE R. STEPHEN

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1998, by LAURIE R. STEPHEN, ( ☒ ) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

 Jill R. Pitts  
MY COMMISSION # CC732735 EXPIRES April 18, 2002  
Printed/Typed/Stamped Name of Notary  
DENIED THRU TROY TAIN INSURANCE, INC.  
My Commission Expires:

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