October 29, 1998

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

Floridians for School Choice Legislation, Inc.

Miami, FL 33131

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed find an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation for the above non-profit corporation, along with a check in the amount of \$87.50 (\$70.00 for the filing fee, \$8.75 for a certificate and \$8.75 for a certified copy).

Please mail the requested documents to the address listed below:

Stephen L. Perrone Floridians for School Choice Legislation, Inc. 1000 Brickell Avenue Suite 900 Miami, FL 33131

Sincerely,

Stedhen L. Perrone

**Enclosures** 

Fax: (305) 379-7122

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDIANS FOR SCHOOL CHOICE LEGISLATION, INC.

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The Undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for Floridians for School Choice Legislation, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE I**

## Name and Location of Principal Office

The name of the corporation is **Floridians for School Choice Legislation, Inc.** a Florida corporation, not for profit. Its initial office shall be at 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900, Miami, FL 33131.

#### ARTICLE II

## <u>Term</u>

The Corporation shall exist perpetually until dissolved by due process of law.

#### ARTICLE III

#### General Purposes

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational and social welfare purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and other activities that are necessary, appropriate, or convenient to the furtherance of the Corporation's stated purposes and permitted under the laws of Florida and of the United States. The specific and primary purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to extend to as many families as possible the opportunity to choose their child's school from among the widest range of options. In pursuit of this purpose the Corporation may engage in research and study regarding the social, educational, economic and other consequences of granting families greater opportunity to choose their children's schools and educational programs; actively encourage the participation of families in choosing schools and educational programs for their children; produce

publications or other educational materials concerning the right and responsibility of families to choose their children's school and educational programs; develop a public education program that informs and energizes public opinion on these matters; submit requests and receive grants from the federal, state, and local governments, private foundations, and individuals; and otherwise make expenditures to foster and promote the purposes of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLES IV

#### Activities Not Permitted

Notwithstanding any of the provision of these articles, the Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation 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 Internal Revenue Law.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### Dedication and Distribution of Assets

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Member, Director, or Officer of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes) and no Member, Director, or Officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government exclusively for public purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) <u>Board of Directors</u> The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The Corporation shall have three (3) Directors initially. The number of Directors of the Corporation may be increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws but shall never be less than three (3). The method of selection of Directors is stated in the Bylaws of this Corporation. The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors

shall hold office until the first meeting of Members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting shall serve for a term of one year or until the first annual meeting of Members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all Members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Corporation authorize the Directors to so act and shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such first Members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

#### NAME **ADDRESS**

8500 N.W. 25th Avenue T. Willard Fair Miami, FL 33147

Patrick J. Heffernan 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900

Miami, FL 33131

1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900 Stephen L. Perrone

Miami, FL 33131

The Board of Directors shall elect the following (b) Corporate Officers. Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and such other Officers as the Bylaws of the Corporation may authorize, form time to time, the Directors to elect. Initially, such Officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

### <u>Indemnification</u>

Every person who now is or hereafter shall be a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all costs and expenses (including counsel fees) hereafter reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit or proceedings of whatever nature, to which he is or shall be made a party by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Corporation (whether or not he is a Director or Officer of the Corporation at the time he is made a party to such action, suit or proceeding, or at the time such cost or expense is incurred by or imposed upon him) except in relation to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his duties as such Director or Officer. The right of indemnification herein provided shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any such person may now or hereafter be entitled to as a matter of law.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## <u>Membership</u>

The membership of the Corporation shall consist of all persons hereinafter named as Directors and all other persons as, from time to time hereafter, may be elected to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

## <u>ByLaws</u>

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as such Directors may deem necessary from time to time. Upon notice properly given, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by majority vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, subject to any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of Florida concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by Members of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

## Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Member of the Corporation, but such amendment may be adopted only after receiving an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### Initial Registered Office and Agent

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is Stephen L. Perrone and the address of the registered agent is 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900, Miami, Florida 33131.

## **ARTICLE XII**

#### Incorporator

The name of the Incorporator of these Articles is Stephen L. Perrone, and his address is 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 900, Miami, FL 33131.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made, subscribed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of October 1998 for the purpose of forming the corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Stephen L. Perrone, Incorporator

## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN ARTICLE XI OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND FURTHER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES.

DATED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 1998

Stephen L. Perfroné Registered Agent

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