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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BRIGHTON LAKES SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, INC.
a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this corporation is BRIGHTON LAKES SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

**ARTICLE II
STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

1. The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to create a charter school and for all educational purposes related thereto, and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly to foster an integral way of life through the development of the individual and stimulate cultural growth in the Florida area.
2. The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.
3. This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene (by

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publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV TERM

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of trustees. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residence address of the subscriber of this corporation is as follows:

Name(s)

Residence address(es)

Louis O. Gonzalez

3414 Granada Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

ARTICLE VII LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

1. The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located at 7200 N.W. 7th Street, Suite 300, Miami, Florida 33126.
2. The post office address of the registered office of this corporation shall be Suite 501, 20801 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, Florida 33180, or at such other place as may hereafter be designated by the board of trustees. The registered agent of this corporation shall be NORMAN LEOPOLD, whose business address is and will be identical with the registered office of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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1. **Board of Trustees.** The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of trustees. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be ~~three~~, provided, however, that such number may be changed by the bylaws duly adopted by the members.
- a. The trustees named herein as the first board of trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held on September 1, 1999, at 10:00 A.M., at Suite 501, 20801 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, Florida 33180, at which time an election of trustees shall be held.
 - b. Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until the first annual meeting of members following the election of trustees and until the qualification of the successors in office.
 - c. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of trustees 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 trustees.
 - d. 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 trustees without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.
 - e. The names and addresses of such first members of the board of trustees are as follows:

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Address(es)</u>
Louis O. Gonzalez	7200 N.W. 7 th Street, Suite 300 Miami, Florida 33126
Robert Stiegele	7200 N.W. 7 th Street, Suite 300 Miami, Florida 33126
Michael Rabin	7200 N.W. 7 th Street, Suite 300 Miami, Florida 33126

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2. Corporate Officers. The board of trustees shall elect the following officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President
Executive Vice President
Vice President
Vice President/Secretary
Vice President/Asst. Secretary
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Louis O. Gonzalez
Robert Stiegele
Leslie Gonzalez Smith
Lisa Gonzalez Ramos
Michael Rabin
Iris J. Gonzalez

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of trustees or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

ARTICLE X DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

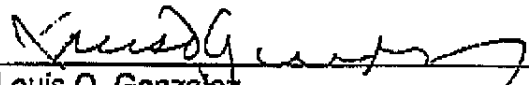
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Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

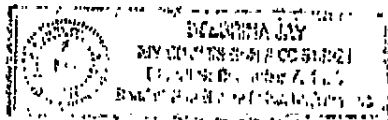
Louis O. Gonzalez, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, and including all of the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 26th day of August, 1999.



Louis O. Gonzalez

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of August, 1999, by Louis O. Gonzalez, who ☒ is personally known to me or ☐ produced _____ as identification.

My commission expires:




Notary Public, State of Florida
Debbie Jay
Print name of notary public

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITH THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with §607.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That BRIGHTON LAKES SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of

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Incorporation, in the City of Kissimmee, County of Osceola, State of Florida, has named Norman Leopold, whose street address is located at Suite 501, 20801 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, County of Miami-Dade, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



Norman Leopold,
Registered Agent

Date: 8/26/99

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