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SUBJECT: Greater Jacksonville Area Charter School of Development and Academic Excellence, 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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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

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Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

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FROM: Michael T. Wells
Name (Printed or typed)
4510 Soutel Drive
Address
Jacksonville Florida 32208
City, State & Zip
904-764-4561
Daytime Telephone Number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GREATER JACKSONVILLE AREA CHARTER SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT
AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Florida corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is Greater Jacksonville Area Charter School of Development and Academic Excellence, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 4510 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32208.

ARTICLE III

SPECIFIC AND GENRAL PURPOSE

A. The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to organize and carry on educational activities as a charter school under the laws of Florida section 228.056 hereby authorized the creation of charter schools to be part of the State's public education program specifically:

- (a) Improve Student Learning
- (b) Increase opportunities for all students with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for students who are identified as academically low achieving.
- (c) Encourage the use of different and innovative learning methods.
- (d) Increase choice of learning opportunities for students.

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- (e) Establish a new form of accountability for schools.
- (f) Require the measurement of learning outcomes and create innovative measurement tools.
- (g) Make the school the unit for improvement.
- (h) Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to own the learning program at the school site.

B. The general purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate exclusively for such educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt educational organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 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 the Code.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles of incorporation, this 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 corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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

E. This Corporation shall be nonsectarian in programs, admissions, and policies, accountable to sponsor for student performance, may not charge tuition or fees except those normally charged by other public schools and operate non-discriminatorily, subject to annual financial audits.

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

The members of this corporation shall consist of the organizing group of initial incorporators. This corporation will be subordinate to and subject to the authority of the organizing group of initial incorporators' vision, and mission for Greater Jacksonville Area Charter School of Development and Academic Excellence. Any act inconsistent in any manner with Florida Charter School Legislation Section 228.056 and 228.0561, Florida Statutes; the organizing group of initial incorporators will assume control immediately of the Governance Board for the school, and manage the affairs of the school to operate for the purpose it was created so it continues to exist for the sole purpose of operating the charter school.

ARTICLE VI

Initial Board of Directors/Incorporators, the board of directors shall be elected or appointed by the members; and in accordance with the bylaws of this not for profit corporation to maintain continuity between the founding organizers and the established board of directors.

The names and residential addresses of persons who are to serve as the initial directors are as follows:

Name

Rene Evans Jr.
Rene Evans Jr.

Eddie S. Laster
Eddie S. Laster

Michael T. Wells Sr.
Michael T. Wells Sr.

Address

10941 Wingate Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

11766 Kingfisher Lane
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

12564 Biscayne Lake Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

ARTICLE VII

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 4510 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32208, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Michael T. Wells Sr.

ARTICLE VIII

MODIFICATION OF BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the laws of the State of Florida, the bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the initial board of directors/incorporators or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the bylaws, except the bylaws may not modify, alter, amend or restrict any part of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IX

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE X

INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Eddie S. Laster

11766 Kingfisher Lane
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Rene Evans Jr.

10941 Wingate Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Michael T. Well Sr.

12564 Biscayne Lake Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Eddie S. Laster

Signature/Incorporator

10/27/99

Date

Rene Evans Jr.

Signature/Incorporator

10/28/99

Date

Michael T. Well Sr.

Signature/Incorporator

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ARTICLE XI

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.

Michael T. Well Sr.

Signature/Registered Agent

10/28/99

Date