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MARION COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. RE:

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find our firm's check in the amount of \$78.75 representing the filing fee for the enclosed Articles of Incorporation. I have also enclosed a copy of the Articles to be returned marked "Filed."

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

DEAN AND DEAN, L.L.P.

Mary Lou Rountree
Secretary

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

#### FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

## ARTICLE I

#### Corporate Name

The name of this corporation is MARION COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. The corporation's principal office address is 1401 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida 34470.

## ARTICLE II

## 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 Section 617 of the Florida Statutes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE III

Duration

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.



#### ARTICLE IV

## Purposes

The primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to promote school readiness programs which will increase children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE V

## Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) and a maximum of twenty-five (25). In no case shall the number of members of the Board of Directors be less than three (3).

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.

The Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 1401 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each year at 8:00 a.m., or at any such other time or place 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 the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Steve Blumenthal 3001 W Silver Springs Blvd.	Susan Dean 230 N.E. 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Stacy Dickson P. O. Box 1388
Ocala, FL 34475	Ocala, FL 34470	Ocala, FL 34478
Shari Dlouhy	Linda Foy	Kulbir Ghumman
P. O. Box 4201	1601 NE 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste 900	11637 SW 90th Terr
Ocala, FL 34478	Ocala, FL 34470	Ocala, FL 34481
Mary Beth Green	Thelma Griffith	Nate Grossman
P. O. Box 670	1601 NE 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste 900	P. O. Box 2408
Ocala, FL 34478	Ocala, FL 34470	Ocala, FL 34478
Toni James	Judy Johnson	Jon Kurtz
P. O. Box 1086	601 SE 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	211 E Silver Springs Blvd
Ocala, FL 34478	Ocala, FL 34471	Ocala, FL 34470
Pat McBride	Jean Michaud	Pamela Paulik
1105 SE Sanchez Ave	3282 SE 132 <sup>nd</sup> Lane	1601 W Gulf-Atlantic Hwy
Ocala, FL 34471	Belleview, FL 34420	Wildwood, FL 34785
Claudia Porcelli	Donia Reaves	Patricia Reddish
	1236 SW 3rd St	808 SW 12 <sup>th</sup> St
	Ocala, FL 34471	Ocala, FL 34474
Becky Schatt	Rusty Skinner	John Smith
1251 SW 43rd Place	2300 SE 17 <sup>th</sup> St, Ste 1000	P. O. Box 670
Ocala, FL 34474	Ocala, FL 34471	Ocala, FL 34478
Cathy VandeVen	Wally Wagoner	Terri Yancey
4125 SE 24th St	4359 SE Maricamp Rd	2531 SE 29 <sup>th</sup> Lane
Ocala, FL 34471	Ocala, FL 34471	Ocala, FL 34471
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(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President

Toni James

Vice President

Rusty Skinner

Secretary/Treasurer

Patricia Reddish

## ARTICLE VI

# Earnings and Activities of the Corporation

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Directors, 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 in Article IV hereof.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

#### Distribution of Assets

Upon the 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or locate government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the

principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VIII

## Membership

The corporation shall have one class of members and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

## **ARTICLE IX**

#### Subscriber

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

Susan E. Dean 230 N.E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ocala, FL 34470-7075

## **ARTICLE X**

## Amendment of Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit Law of the State 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 Directors, or by following the procedures set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI

## Dedication of Assets

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated and no part of the net income or net 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 XII

## Registered Agent and Office

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 230 N.E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34470 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Susan E. Dean.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

We, the undersigned, being the subscribers and incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 1999.

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

SUSAN E. DEAN

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the <u>17</u> day of November, 1999 by SUSAN E. DEAN, who is personally known to me.

MARY L. ROUNTREE

Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. expires April 20, 2001 Comm. No. CC635491 Mary L. Leuntra NOTARY PUBLIC

# CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been designated as the Registered Agent for MARION COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC., I hereby accept the designation and agree to act as the Registered Agent of said corporation.

Dated: November //, 1999.

SÚSAN E. DEAN

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