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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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# LOST RIVERS CHARTER SCHOOL,

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a nonprofit corporation ("Corporation") organized under and pursuant to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter Title 30, Idaho Code ("Act"), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the Corporation.

## ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the Corporation is Lost Rivers Charter School, Inc..

## ARTICLE II — NONPROFIT STATUS

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

## ARTICLE III — PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

## ARTICLE IV — INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The location of this Corporation is in the City of Arco, County of Butte, State of Idaho. The address of the initial registered office is Route 1, Box 5, Moore, Idaho 83255, and the name of the initial registered agent at this address is Boyd B. Burnett.

## ARTICLE V — PURPOSES

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and will be operated are as follows:

- A. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to provide a charter school, as authorized in the recently passed legislation codified as Idaho Code Sections 33-5201 through 33-5212, consistent with the legislative intent set forth in Idaho Code Section 33-5202, to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, students, and community members, to establish and maintain public charter schools, which operate independently within the existing public school system to:
  - 1. Improve student learning;
  - 2. Increase learning opportunities for all students, with special emphasis on expanding learning experiences for students;

- 3. Include the use of different and innovative teaching methods;
- 4. Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site;
- 5. Provide parents and students with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system;
- 6. Hold the schools established under this chapter accountable for meeting measurable student educational standards.

The principal purpose for the charter school to be created and operated by this non-profit corporation, will be to meet the needs of the "at-risk" students who are unable to successfully meet the expectations of the traditional educational setting, without discriminating against any student on any basis prohibited by the federal or state constitutions or any federal, state, or local law. It will be non-punitive in nature. It will be more behavioral and vocational in its instructional delivery. Emphasis will be made on low student/teacher ratios. Emphasis will be placed on basic skills, including reading and math levels no lower then the sixth grade level, word processing skills, a strong work ethic to include responsibility, honesty, trust, self accountability, and personal initiative, and effective oral and written communication skills.

- B. Charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under such Section 501(c)(3).
- C. To exercise all powers granted by law necessary and proper to carry out the above-stated purposes, including, but not limited to, the power to accept donations of money, property, whether real or personal, or any other thing of value. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize or permit the Corporation to carry on any business for profit, to exercise any power, or to do any act that a corporation formed under the Act, or any amendment thereto or substitute therefor, may not at that time lawfully carry on or do.

#### **ARTICLE VI — LIMITATIONS**

No part of the net earnings or the assets 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 V hereof. 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE VII — MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members. All management authority shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than twenty (20) individuals. The actual number of Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the Corporation. Other than the Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors, who are designated in these Articles, the Directors shall be elected or appointed by the existing Directors in the manner and for the term provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The names and street addresses of the persons constituting the initial Board of Directors are:

NAME ,	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Boyd B. Burnett	Route 1, Box 5
	Moore, Idaho 83255
Beatrice Condit	120 Highland Drive
	Arco, Idaho 83213
Clarissa Cole	P.O. Box 650
	Moore, Idaho 83255
Loretta Westbrook	235 West Era Avenue
	Arco, Idaho 83213

## ARTICLE IX — DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all the assets of the Corporation to Butte County Joint School District No. 111, of the State of Idaho.

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## ARTICLE X — INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is Boyd B. Burnett, Route 1, Box 5, Moore, Idaho 83255.

## ARTICLE XI — BYLAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any respect in conformity with the laws of the State of Idaho, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds  $(^2/_3)$  of the Directors entitled to vote in a meeting of Directors called for such purpose as prescribed by law.

DATED this 24th day of June, 1998.

Boyd/B. Burnett

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STATE OF IDAHO ) )ss.
County of Bonneville )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of June, 1998.

Notary Public for Idaho Residing at: Idaho Falls, Idaho

My Commission Expires: 11/12/98

