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Michelle Richard
DIRECTOR

2/5/2024

Sault Area Public Schools
876 Marquette Ave.,
Sault Ste Marie, MI, 49783

License Number: DC170358055
Special Investigation Number: SI-00080731

Dear Sault Area Public Schools,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received a complaint against your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The allegations were related to the following:

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.8380(1)	The premises must be maintained in a clean and safe condition and must not pose a threat to health or safety.
R 400.8380(2)	The premises must be maintained so as to eliminate and prevent rodent and insect harborage.

The details of the allegations are in the attached report. To investigate the allegations:

- I interviewed: the program director, child care staff members and witnesses.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 12/18/2023.

As a result of this investigation, I found the following violation(s):

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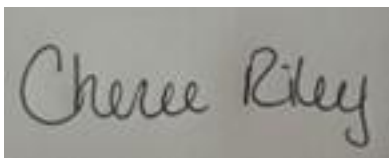
Upon receipt of a corrective action plan, I recommend no change to the current license status.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

This report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This report and any related corrective action plans will be online for parents to review under the [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#).

Please review this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Cheree Riley at (989) 619-1651 or riley3@michigan.gov. In the event that Cheree Riley is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,



Cheree Riley, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL
CHILD CARE LICENSING**

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 2/5/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00080731	12/12/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
12/15/2023	2/16/2024
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DC170358055	Sault Area Public Schools
Facility Name	Licensee Designee(s)
Soo Township Elementary - GSRP	Amy J Scott-Kronemeyer
Program Type	Central Administrator(s)
Center	
Capacity	Program Director(s) Name
82	Christine Diane Groh
	Qualifications: R 400.8113(7)(d) (12).
	Date PD Approved: 2023-11-07
Facility Address	Mailing Address
5788 South M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783	876 Marquette Ave., Sault Ste Marie, MI, 49783
Facility Phone Number	Facility Email Address
9066323363	amy@eupschools.org
Original License Issuance Date	License Status:
9/16/2014	Regular
License Effective Date:	License Expiration Date:
3/16/2023	3/15/2025

ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?	
The facility has mice throughout. There are so many that the traps are full every morning and there is feces found every day.	Yes	

METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
12/15/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00080731
12/18/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site

	Inspection completed on-site. Interview with child care staff members, pd Chris Groh and custodian.
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ALLEGATION: The facility has mice throughout. There are so many that the traps are full every morning and there is feces found every day.

INVESTIGATION:

On 12/15/2023 I interviewed a witness from the Chippewa County Health department via telephone. They completed an environmental health inspection at Soo Township Elementary on 10/10/2023; when they added an infant/toddler classroom. There were no rodent issues observed during that inspection. From time to time the school will get mice and they will set up traps. He has never observed the mice to be a health and safety concern. If feces are found the area should be washed rinsed and sanitized. The mice would pose a health and safety concern if any of the following were to occur: the mice are getting into food, if poison is being used, or if there is no plan in place. If the school is unable to control the issue they should call an exterminator.

On 12/18/2023 I completed an on-site inspection at Soo Township elementary - GSRP. I interviewed Program director Christine Groh. There were mice in the school about four to six weeks ago. The mice were caught, and she has not heard of any issues with mice since then. The custodian put traps out when there is a problem with mice. The protocol for staff is that if there is evidence of mice they call the custodian and he will come in and clean. There was one day they had to move child care staff member (CCSM) 1 to another classroom due to a mouse, but there have been no complaints since then. All food stored in the classrooms is now stored in plastic totes.

I interviewed the custodian. There were mice in the school but it has died down the last three weeks; almost to a halt. Mouse traps are set nightly in the kitchen and hallways. When mouse feces are found they are swept up and the area is mopped with disinfectant. There have been no issue with the mice getting into food that he is aware of.

I interviewed CCSM 1. She saw a mouse in the classroom over a month ago. That day after the kids left traps were set and the mouse was caught. On occasion staff will see mouse feces in the classroom , but not in the last few weeks. This is typical annually. Meals are eaten by the children in the classroom and snacks are stored in the classroom. There have been no issues with mice getting into the food stored in the classroom.

I interviewed CCSM 2. Every year there is an issue with mice. Prior years they have observed mouse feces. A couple months ago mice were observed before kids arrived and they were moved to an alternate classroom. Mouse feces are observed occasionally but traps are being set to take care of the problem.

I interviewed CCSM 3. In the beginning of the school year the mice got into bread in the cupboard. Food is now stored in totes and there has been no issues since that time. She has observed no mouse feces.

I interviewed CCSM 4. She started in mid October. She heard there were issues with mice but has not seen any mice or feces.

I interviewed CCSM 5 and 6. There were mice in the classrooms a few weeks ago. They saw mouse feces and notified maintenance. Have not seen any mice or feces since.

I interviewed CCSM 7. She has only been employed there for 2 weeks. She has not observed any mice or mouse droppings.

I interviewed CCSM 8. She is aware there is a mice problem in the school. She spoke with program director because the mice were getting into food in cupboards a couple months ago. Mouse feces have been observed behind shelves and nesting materials in the corners. Her class moved to the current classroom (3) a few months ago. Mouse feces are a weekly occurrence. Traps are being set but there is an infestation and more needs to be done. She has been complaining for awhile due to concerns with the classrooms not being clean and sanitary.

I interviewed CCSM 9. She started in September and the mouse problem has been going on since she started. Mice got into a filing cabinet where food was. Mice feces have been observed. The last classroom they were in was worse; there was mouse bedding in the corners. Child care staff member 10 stated that she found mouse droppings this morning in classroom 3.

I interviewed CCSM 10. She started in January. During the summer she started noticing feces and nesting materials everywhere. Kids had to be taken out of the classroom to sanitize. A mouse got into a filing cabinet and chewed through peanut butter. Droppings are observed weekly. In their previous classroom a mouse was killed in the classroom with a broom. Mouse feces are observed weekly. She observed mouse feces behind a shelf in classroom 3 this morning.

I interviewed CCSM 11 and 12. The classroom opened in November. They have observed one mouse dropping and no other evidence of mice since. Snacks are stored in original packaging on top of the fridge.

I inspected all five classrooms. I observed mouse feces behind a bookshelf and in a closet in Room 3. Child care staff member 9 observed the mouse feces in Room 3 behind the bookshelf that morning, but nothing was done. I was on-site at approximately 11:00 am – 12:30 pm and the mouse feces were still present in the classroom where children were present. I advised Program director Christine Groh of the mouse feces in Room 3 and she stated that child care staff members should have let the custodian know.

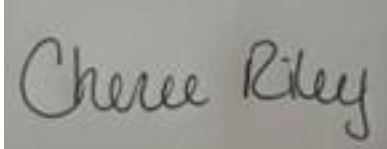

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8380(1)	The premises must be maintained in a clean and safe condition and must not pose a threat to health or safety.
ANALYSIS:	Licensee Amy J Scott-Kronemeyer did not ensure the premises was maintained in a clean and safe condition. On 12/18/2023 I observed mouse feces behind a bookshelf and in a closet in Room 3. Child care staff member 9 observed the mouse droppings in Room 3 behind the bookshelf that morning, but nothing was done. I was on-site at approximately 11:00 am – 12:30 pm and the mouse droppings were still present in the classroom where children were present.
CONCLUSION:	Repeat Violation Established Reference: : 3/5/2019 :Violation Established; : 3/22/2017 :Violation Established;

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8380(2)	The premises must be maintained so as to eliminate and prevent rodent and insect harborage.
ANALYSIS:	Licensee Amy J Scott-Kronemeyer did not ensure the premises was maintained as to eliminate and prevent rodent harborage. . Staff members have observed mice and mouse feces for several months. Mouse traps are set nightly in the kitchen and hallways. On 12/18/2023 I observed mouse feces behind a bookshelf and in a closet in Room 3.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

Bureau Recommendation
Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan. I recommend no change in the status of the license.

Approved By:	
 Cheree Riley Consultant	02/05/2024 Date
Rosek A. Rafferty  Area Manager	02/05/2024 Date