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December 21, 2022

Haley Heckman
Growing Patch Childcare Center LLC
P. O. Box 12
201 School St.
Westphalia, MI 48894

RE: License #: DC190393246
Growing Patch Childcare Ctr LLC Afterschool Pgm
209 N. Westphalia Street
Westphalia, MI 48894

Dear Ms. Heckman:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your licensing notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon VanOrd".

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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC190393246
Licensee Name:	Growing Patch Childcare Center LLC
Licensee Address:	P. O. Box 12 201 School St. Westphalia, MI 48894
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 614-3914
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Haley Heckman, Designee
Name of Facility:	Growing Patch Childcare Ctr LLC Afterschool Pgm
Facility Address:	209 N. Westphalia Street Westphalia, MI 48894
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 587-0130
Capacity:	37
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

Ms. Heckman submitted a modification request on 12/15/2022 to add the library as approved child care use space. Capacity will remain the same at 37 school-age children.

III. Methodology

12/15/2022 Received modification request while onsite

12/15/2022 Inspection completed

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license has been modified on 11/23/2020 and 12/15/2022.

Growing Patch Childcare Center LLC Afterschool Program is an after-school program for children aged 4 years 9 months through 12 years that attend St. Mary Catholic School or Pewamo-Westphalia Elementary School. The program is located in St. Mary Catholic School in Westphalia, which operates as a private school for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The center will utilize one room for child care:

- **The Cafeteria** measured 57.58 ft. x 43.83 ft., providing a total child use space of 2,523.73 square feet. Based on 35 square feet per child, this is more than enough space for a center capacity of 37 children. Equipment is stored in an adjacent room allocated for the after-school program. Caregivers arrive before children and bring equipment into the cafeteria for children in care to choose from and use.

The following rooms are approved as additional child use space and is not used to determine the center's total capacity:

- **The Gymnasium** measured 63.33 ft. x 80.00 ft., providing a total child use space of 5,066.40 square feet. Based on 35 square feet per child, this is more than enough space for the center's capacity of 37 children. The total space is sufficient for a total center requested capacity of 37 elementary school children, aged 4 years 9 months through 12 years.

- **The Library** measured 26.92 ft. x 47.50 ft., providing a total child use space of 1,278.70 square feet. Based on 35 square feet per child, this is enough space for a center capacity of 37 children. Equipment is stored in bins in the cafeteria closet and will be brought to the library when this space is utilized.

The child care center has a variety of developmentally appropriate equipment that will support the capacity of 37 children.

There is a boys' and girls' restroom located adjacent to the cafeteria that will primarily be used by the children in care. The boys' restroom contains two urinals, one toilet, and two sinks. The girls' restroom contains three toilets, and two sinks.

There is also a boys' and girls' restroom located next to the gymnasium that can be used by the children in care. The boys' restroom contains two urinals, one toilet, and one sink. The girls' restroom contains two toilets and two sinks. This equals a total of four urinals, seven toilets, and seven sinks available for the children in care, which supports the total center capacity.

There is a fenced-in playground located on the school's property that will be used for outdoor play. The children in care will use St. Mary Catholic School's playground equipment. The parents of the children in care sign a waiver indicating that they are aware the school's playground equipment has not been inspected by a certified playground inspector and may not meet the standards outlined in the Handbook for Public Playground Safety. There are no adjacent hazards.

An "A" rated environmental health inspection was completed on 11/28/2022 and an "A" rating for Fire Safety was signed by the superintendent and signed on 11/28/2022. The center only provides care to school-aged children; therefore, a lead risk assessment is not required.

The center will care for children aged 4 years 9 months through 12 years. The program will operate primarily from 3:10 PM until 5:45 PM, Monday through Friday during the school year on days that school is in session. Full-day or partday care may be offered during breaks or school closures and during the summer if there is adequate enrollment.

The center will offer ready-made snacks daily and a ready-made breakfast on days that the program operates in the morning. Parents will be responsible for providing a sack lunch on days that the center operates during lunchtime. Transportation and swimming will not be offered.

Ms. Haley Heckman will serve as the program director. Ms. Heckman was previously approved as a program director on 01/02/2018 and has continued to work as a program director since that time.

V. Recommendation

I recommend approval to add the library as approved child care use space. The center capacity will remain at 37 school-age children.

Sharon VanOrd

12/21/2022

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Licensing Consultant

Date