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Maria Dionise
Grand Ledge Public Schools
12840 Nixon Road
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

RE: License #: DC230388255
Delta Mills Early Childhood Center
6816 Delta River Drive
Lansing, MI 48906

Dear Ms. Dionise:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 03/27/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

During the inspection, I observed arrivals, transitions, large group, gym/gross motor, and free play. I observed child care staff members engaging with children at their level, giving reminders, scaffolding, and encouraging children in care. I observed caring and positive interactions. I observed the child care staff members consistently communicating with the children.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 4/26/2023. You can use our [corrective action plan](#) form or create your own.

If you need help writing the corrective action plan, please contact me. If you do not send a corrective action plan, you may face disciplinary action. The corrective action plan must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, there will be no change to your license status.

During calendar year 2022:	Total
Number of serious injuries that occurred in facility.	0
Number of deaths that occurred in the facility.	0
Number of substantiated cases of abuse and/or neglect of a child that occurred at the facility.	0

You can find a copy of this inspection letter and any associated corrective action plans on our website under Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes. A description of when inspection letters are completed can be found under Overview of Licensing Reports.

Please 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) 289-9730.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

The violations that were found are:

R 400.8170 Outdoor play area.

(11) The playground equipment, use zones, and surfacing in the outdoor play area must be inspected by a certified playground safety inspector and an approval granted for playground equipment and areas used before issuance of an original license, upon request of the department, and before using any newly added playground equipment. The center shall provide documentation of the inspection to the department upon request and shall keep it on file at the center.

There were three pieces of new equipment in the outdoor play area which were not inspected by a certified playground safety inspector. Ms. Dionise stated she was not aware this equipment needed to be inspected when added to the outdoor play area.

R 400.8170 Outdoor play area.

All pieces of playground equipment that have an elevated playing or climbing surface, regardless of the height of the playing or climbing surface, must be surrounded by a shock absorbing surface and meet the guidelines defined by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety, which is available at no cost at www.cpsc.gov. This handbook is also available for inspection, and distribution at no cost, at the Michigan Department of

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems, Child Care Division, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933. The shock absorbing surface material may be either unitary or the loose-fill type. An exception to this subrule is provided for natural playgrounds.

There were three pieces of equipment in the outdoor play area with an elevated play surface which were not surrounded by a shock absorbing surface.

R 400.8173 Equipment.

(11) Trampolines and bounce houses must not be used by children in care at the child care center.

There were two mini trampolines in the gym. Ms. Dionise stated she was not aware that trampolines are not allowed to be used in a child care center and they will be removed immediately.

I reviewed the following rules with Ms. Dionise:

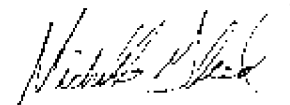
R 400.8170 and R 400.8125: I discussed with Ms. Dionise the importance of certain supervision traits during gym and outdoor play. It is important to ensure the child care staff members are always maintaining a global view of the children, communicating with each other consistently, and having all staff trained in the specifics of outdoor/gym supervision.

R 400.8112: Comprehensive background check; fingerprinting.

The Department provides technical assistance to meet the licensing requirements and consultation to improve services.

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Sincerely,



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