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August 26, 2022

Catherine Hunt  
Ionia Public Schools  
250 E. Tuttle Rd.  
Ionia, MI 48846

RE: Application #: DC340411994  
**Bulldog Beginnings**  
**250 East Tuttle Road**  
**Ionia, MI 48846**

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, a original license with a maximum capacity of 34 is issued.

Please review the attached 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 (616) 356-0183.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Shankin".

Sean Shankin, Licensing Consultant  
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU  
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DC340411994
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Ionia Public Schools
<b>Applicant Address:</b>	250 E. Tuttle Rd. Ionia, MI 48846
<b>Applicant Telephone #:</b>	(616) 527-9280
<b>Licensee/Designee:</b>	Catherine Hunt, Designee
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Bulldog Beginnings
<b>Facility Address:</b>	250 East Tuttle Road Ionia, MI 48846
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(616) 527-9280
<b>Application Date:</b>	03/07/2022
<b>Capacity:</b>	34
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE CENTER

## II. METHODOLOGY

09/20/2021	Inspection Completed-Heating Approved
03/07/2022	Enrollment
03/11/2022	Contact - Document Received App - Corrected; IRS ltr; 001 & DL for Wayne (LD)
03/11/2022	Contact - Document Sent Rule & Act booklets; MI Child Care Matters; CC Comprehensive Background Cks; Reimburse ltr & form
03/11/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent App - hrs; 5003; 001 for Wayne (LD)
03/11/2022	Contact - Document Received App - Signed & dated; IRS ltr; 001 & DL for Wayne (LD)
03/14/2022	Contact - Document Received E-mail from Wayne (LD) with hrs of operation & will be submitting add'l \$50 for 51-100 children
03/24/2022	Contact - Document Received \$50 - ck #95898; 5003; 001 & DL for Catherine (PD)
03/24/2022	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
08/10/2022	Inspection Completed On-site
08/10/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance
08/11/2022	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety : A

### III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

#### A. Description of Facility

The Bulldog Beginnings preschool is located in the Ionia High School.

#### **Approved space (room numbers, sizes, capacity and ages of children for which each room/well-defined space is approved, etc.):**

The following rooms are approved for child care use and meet the 35 square foot per child requirements:

**Room 118** – was measured in two sections. The first section measured 5.33 ft. x 31 ft.; and the second section measured 17.5 ft. x 32.75 ft., providing a total of 738.35 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate up to 21 preschool children, ages 3 through school-age. The rooms capacity would be capped at 16 for preschool children between the ages of 30 months and 3 years.

**Room 120** – was measured in four sections. The first section measured 28 ft. x 31.83 ft.; the second section measured 9.25 ft. x 10.16 ft.; the third section measured 8.5 ft. x 10.33 ft.; and the fourth section measured 6 ft. x 23.44 ft., providing a total of 1,213.66 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate the requested capacity of 34 preschool children, ages 4 through school-age. The rooms capacity would be reduced to 30 if the enrolled preschool children are between 3 and 4 years of age, while the capacity would be capped at 16 for preschool children between the ages of 30 months and 3 years.

**Room 121** – was measured at 22.75 ft. x 39 ft., providing a total of 887.25 square feet. This is enough space to accommodate up to 25 preschool children, ages 3 through school-age. The rooms capacity would be capped at 16 for preschool children between the ages of 30 months and 3 years.

#### **Equipment:**

There is an adequate amount of developmentally appropriate materials and equipment to support the center's capacity of 34 preschool children.

#### **Number of sinks and toilets:**

Room 120 has a bathroom located within the classroom that contains one toilet and one handwashing sink. Room 120 also has one additional handwashing sink available for the preschool children's use. Room 121 has one handwashing sink available in the classroom for the preschool children's use. Room 120 and room 121 also have a shared bathroom that contains one toilet, one urinal, and one handwashing sink.

There are a total of two toilets, one urinal, and four handwashing sinks, which supports the center's requested capacity of 34 preschool children.

**Outdoor play area - location, fenced or not, water hazards:**

The outdoor play area is located behind/North side of the building, and is completely fenced in. There are no water hazards, or any additional hazards located on or near the outdoor play area.

**Documentation if a lead hazard risk assessment was required and the results:**

N/A – building constructed in 1989.

**Documentation of playground safety:**

A playground safety inspection was completed on 8/10/2022 by the certified playground safety inspector, Mr. George Barclay. The all-in-one composite play structure was approved for children 2 to 5 years of age.

**B. Program Description**

**Ages of children served:**

The program services preschool children aged 30 months through school age.

**Proposed days and hours of operation:**

The child care preschool facility will operate from 8:15 AM to 3:15 PM, Monday through Friday.

**Full or part time (AM or PM sessions or both):**

The center will provide both full-time and part-time sessions. Full-time programming will operate from 8:15 AM through 3:15 PM; while part-time programming will operate from 12:15 PM through 3:15 PM.

**Other program components - transportation, swimming, food service:**

Transportation and swimming are not offered as components of the child care center. Busing will be provided through the Ionia Public Schools Transportation.

The center will provide breakfast, lunch, and a PM snack.

**Name of program director and under what rules the program director is qualified:**

Ms. Catherine Hunt is the approved program director. Ms. Hunt has been approved under R 400.8113(7)(a) and (12).

**Is there a central administrator that meets the administrative requirement?**

Mr. Wayne Piercefield.

**Explanation of variance(s), if any:**

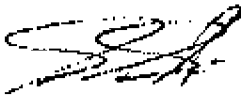
There were no variances requested or granted for this facility.

**C. Rule/Statutory Violations**

There were no rule or statutory violations.

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend issuance of an original license to this child care center.



8/26/2022

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Sean Shankin  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



8/26/2022

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Yolanda Sims  
Area Manager

Date