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June 12, 2023

Jennifer Verleger
Mt Pleasant Public Schools
720 N Kinney
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

RE: License #: DC370018126
Investigation #: 2023D0012013
MPPS Children's Learning Center

Dear Ms. Verleger:

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:

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements

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

- I interviewed: program director, caregivers, and parents.
- I completed an onsite inspection on 5/17/2023.

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

R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 6/26/2023. 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.

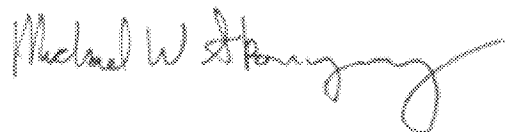
- Specific time frames for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	☐	☒
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	☐	☒

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 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.

Sincerely,



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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC370018126
Investigation #:	2023D0012013
Complaint Receipt Date:	05/17/2023
Investigation Initiation Date:	05/17/2023
Report Due Date:	07/16/2023
Licensee Name:	Mt Pleasant Public Schools
Licensee Address:	720 N Kinney Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 775-2300
Administrator:	Jennifer Verleger, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Jennifer Verleger, Designee
Name of Facility:	MPPS Children's Learning Center
Facility Address:	720 N. Kinney Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 775-2340
Original Issuance Date:	03/25/1989
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	03/30/2022
Expiration Date:	03/29/2024
Capacity:	100
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Child A (4-year-old male) left alone in a classroom for several minutes.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

05/17/2023	Special Investigation Intake - 2023D0012013
05/17/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site from 1:30-2:15PM
05/19/2023	Contact - Telephone call made to Child A's father
05/19/2023	Exit Conference with PD Heather VanConant

ALLEGATION: Child A (4-year-old male) left alone in a classroom for several minutes.

INVESTIGATION: On 5/17/2023 I conducted an unannounced visit to the Children's Learning Center. Program Director Heather VanConant was spoken with about the allegations. Ms. VanConant confirmed that on 5/16/2023 at 10:25AM, Child A was mistakenly left in the preschool classroom for over four minutes. It happened during the transition from inside to outside time. She showed a video of the incident. The two child care staff members lined up the 11 children and even counted them. Child A was observed to wander behind the child care staff member as she was dealing with two other children. Child A stood very quiet and watched the staff members and children leave the classroom. He then ran over to a shelf and started playing with toys until a child care staff member Michelle Kisell came back in after she realized Child A was not with the group. Ms. Kisell reported the incident to Ms. VanConant and called Child A's father and reported it to him as well. Child A has tried to hide from staff members in the past.

Child care staff member Michelle Kisell was spoken with about the incident. She counted 11 children in the classroom but when they got to the playground she counted again and counted 10 children. She was in the front of the line and Theresa Weare was in the back of the line. She had her clipboard with the attendance in the backpack and not in her hand where it should have been. She said she counted a couple of times but had the wrong number in her head because a child had just arrived a few minutes before they went outside. She has spoken to Ms. VanConant and knows that she needs to be better about knowing the correct number of children and also to have her clipboard accessible.

Ms. Weare was spoken with about the incident. She was in the back of the line and Ms. Kisell was in the front. She did not count the children because she assumed Ms.

Kisell did. She thinks the count was wrong because another child had just arrived prior to the class lining up to go outside. When they got to the door to the playground, Ms. Kisell realized Child A was missing and ran upstairs to find him. This had not happened in their classroom before.

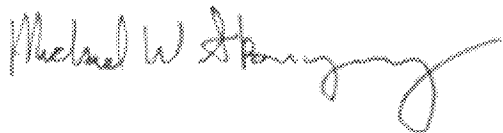
On 5/19/2023 I spoke to Child A's father on the telephone. He is aware of the incident and has no concerns about Child A's safety while at the center. Child A has hid at home before and tends to be sneaky at times. If Child A does not want to do something, he can manipulate the situation to get his way. He has great confidence in the child care staff and knows that Child A likes attending the center.

On 5/19/2023 I called Ms. VanConant and conducted an exit conference.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8125	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
	(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	There is sufficient evidence that Child A was not appropriately cared for or supervised while at the Children's Learning Center. Video evidence has him alone in the classroom for over four minutes.
CONCLUSION:	REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED LSR Dated: 11/09/2022 Corrective Action Plan Dated: 11/10/2022

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the child care center license.



06/12/2023

Michael Skonieczny
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



06/12/2023

Rose A. Rafferty
Area Manager

Date