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Sonita NewBury-Schau
Kazoo School
1401 Cherry Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

RE: License #: DC390093883

RE: SI LOG #: 2023D0298011
Kazoo School
1401 Cherry Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Dear Sonita NewBury-Schau:

This letter is to advise you that the 08/04/2023 corrective action plan you submitted, regarding each rule violation cited in the recently completed Special Investigation Report, is approved.

It should be noted that the issue at hand is regarding children urinating and defecating in the woods. As the rules state, they should be doing this in a toilet, with a hand washing sink accessible. Based on interviews, center staff view emergency situations differently than parents. Keep this in mind and adjust time in the woods accordingly, if necessary.

You can find a copy of this corrective action approval letter and the associated report on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of each type of report and corrective action plans can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

Violation cited	Noncompliance observed	Plan to correct	Date to be completed
R 400.8125(1) Staff; volunteer; requirements.	Appropriate care and supervision are not being provided when children ages 3, 4, and 5 years are being taken on walks for 1.5 – 2 hours on a daily basis	Time in the woods will be scheduled for no more than one hour, unless in the immediate vicinity of a restroom. School admin will approve all class schedules.	09/05/2023 and ongoing


	where bathrooms are not available.		
R 400.8350(1) Toilets; hand washing sinks.	Toilets and hand washing sinks are not being provided on a daily basis when children ages 3, 4, and 5 years are being taken on walks for 1.5 -2 hours on a daily basis where bathrooms are not available. Young children use the toilet frequently and cannot wait long when they have to use the toilet.	Teachers will carry an unopened bottle of water, biodegradable soap, and paper towel (and hand washing kit) in their first aid backpacks at all times. That way if there is an emergency toileting situation, a child will be able to wash their hands immediately after. Teachers and school office staff will work together to keep all handwashing supplies in stock, replenished, and ready to use.	09/05/2023 and ongoing
R 400.8355(1) Sewage disposal.	When children defecate in the woods, it is bagged and then carried back to the building.	In the event of an emergency, and a child must urinate or defecate in the woods, all solid materials (including tissue and human waste) will be flushed through a toilet upon arrival at the school. School staff is responsible for carrying waste back to the building, and an incident report will be completed for each occurrence.	09/05/2023 and ongoing

It is expected that the corrective action plan will be implemented within the time frames as outlined in your plan.

A follow-up evaluation may be made to verify compliance. Should the corrections not be implemented in the specified time, it may be necessary to reevaluate the status of your license.

The office provides technical assistance to meet the licensing requirements and consultation to improve services. Please contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, you may contact the local office at (517) 984-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiara McKay', with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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