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Andrea Blodgett  
Schoolcraft Community Schools  
551 Lyons Street  
Schoolcraft, MI 49087

RE: License #: DC390383740  
Investigation #: 2022D0208017  
The Eagle Zone

Dear Ms. Blodgett:

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:

R400.8125 Staff; volunteer; requirements

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

- I interviewed the program director/licensee designee, child care staff, and parents.
- I completed an onsite inspection on 09/27/2022.

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

**R400.8125(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 11/28/2022. 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.

| <b>During this special investigation:</b>                                       | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                           |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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 at (269) 568-2686. 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**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>License #:</b>                     | DC390383740                                 |
| <b>Investigation #:</b>               | 2022D0208017                                |
| <b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>        | 09/23/2022                                  |
| <b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b> | 09/27/2022                                  |
| <b>Report Due Date:</b>               | 11/22/2022                                  |
| <b>Licensee Name:</b>                 | Schoolcraft Community Schools               |
| <b>Licensee Address:</b>              | 551 Lyons Street<br>Schoolcraft, MI 49087   |
| <b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>          | (269) 488-7300                              |
| <b>Administrator:</b>                 | Andrea Blodgett, Designee                   |
| <b>Licensee Designee:</b>             | Andrea Blodgett, Designee                   |
| <b>Name of Facility:</b>              | The Eagle Zone                              |
| <b>Facility Address:</b>              | 611 E. Clay Street<br>Schoolcraft, MI 49087 |
| <b>Facility Telephone #:</b>          | (269) 488-7250                              |
| <b>Original Issuance Date:</b>        | 09/15/2016                                  |
| <b>License Status:</b>                | REGULAR                                     |
| <b>Effective Date:</b>                | 03/15/2021                                  |
| <b>Expiration Date:</b>               | 03/14/2023                                  |
| <b>Capacity:</b>                      | 126   |
| <b>Program Type:</b>                  | CHILD CARE CENTER                           |

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

|  | <b>Violation<br/>Established?</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Appropriate care and supervision did not occur when two children were allowed inside the building from outside to go to the bathroom without an adult accompanying them inside. During this time unsupervised, Child A and Child B kissed and “mushed butts together.” | Yes                               |
| Additional Findings  | No                                |

## III. METHODOLOGY

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|------------|---|
| 09/23/2022 | Special Investigation Intake<br>2022D0208017  |
| 09/27/2022 | Special Investigation Initiated - On Site<br>Arrival: 11:27AM. Interviewed program director, Andrea Blodgett.                     |
| 09/27/2022 | Contact - Document Received<br>Email received from Andrea Blodgett with attendance, parent handbook, and child information cards. |
| 11/02/2022 | Contact - Telephone call made<br>Spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D's Mothers.                                     |
| 11/02/2022 | Contact - Telephone call made<br>Left a voice mail for Child E's Mother.  |
| 11/02/2022 | Contact - Telephone call made<br>Spoke with child care staff, Melissa Bailey, Dean Morris, and Sandy Morris.                      |
| 11/02/2022 | Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance   |
| 11/07/2022 | Exit Conference<br>Spoke with licensee designee/program director, Andrea Blodgett.  |

**ALLEGATION:** Appropriate care and supervision did not occur when two children were allowed inside the building from outside to go to the bathroom without an adult accompanying them inside. During this time unsupervised, Child A and Child B kissed and “mushed butts together.”

**INVESTIGATION:** On 09/27/2022 I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection to The Eagle Zone child care center. I interviewed program director, Andrea Blodgett. The two preschool classrooms were finishing up lunch in one room and setting up for nap in the other room. Ms. Blodgett was working in one of the classrooms, so I asked her to email me child information cards and attendance during naptime, which she did email to me this same day.

Ms. Blodgett reported that since the incident occurred, they are now only allowing one child at a time to use the bathroom to avoid an incident like this happening again. Prior to this, the children were allowed to use the bathroom freely when they needed to. She indicated the child care staff working the afternoon of the day of the incident were Sandy Morris, and Dean Morris, and that there is also another child care staff member, Melissa Bailey, but she had worked that morning and was not present that afternoon. Ms. Blodgett reported that there approximately 75 children enrolled in the Eagle Zone program, and usually 30-36 children attending the afterschool program.

On 11/02/2022 I spoke with Child A, Child B, Child C, and Child D’s Mothers. I left a voice mail for Child E’s Mother. I did receive a return phone call from Child E’s Mother during this investigation.

Child A’s Mother did have concerns with the care and supervision at the center after this incident occurred with Child A and another child. She dis-enrolled Child A from the center because she could not trust that her child would be adequately supervised. Child A told her that he and another child had went inside to the bathroom together and that this child whispered in his ear asking for a kiss. Child A gave him a kiss. The other child then went into a private stall and came out with his pants down. Child A and the other child “mushed butts together.” Child A is one of the youngest children in the program, so Child A’s Mother was very concerned that he was allowed in the school building without an accompanying staff member as there could be other people in the bathroom/building, or Child A could have wandered off from the bathroom and had access to the whole school building, or even exited the building as the doors are not locked from the inside.

Child B’s Mother did have concerns with care and supervision at the center. She reported that children are sent inside from the playground to the bathroom with no child care staff and no one is checking on them. She indicated more than one child is being sent inside together, which is also concerning because things like child-on-child touching happen, or children are messing around and someone gets injured, etc. The children could also easily leave the building out of another exit as the doors

are not locked from inside and the children have access to the whole building unattended.

Child C and Child D's Mother did have concerns with the care and supervision at the center in regard to allowing the children to go inside unattended to use the bathroom as that gives the children access to the whole building without supervision but did not have concerns with care and supervision in other respects.

On this same day I spoke with child care staff, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Morris, and Mr. Morris.

Ms. Bailey was not working the afternoon when the incident occurred but did hear about it from others. Ms. Bailey reported that the children were allowed to freely use the bathroom when needed but after this incident they implemented protocol that only one child is allowed to use the bathroom at a time. If they are inside there are bathrooms right near the Eagle Zone room/cafeteria. Children must ask to use the bathroom. Staff communicate to each other which child has left the room to use the bathroom and then they watch for them to come back. Once the child has returned the staff communicate with each other that the child has returned. If a child fails to return in a timely manner, one of the staff will go check on the child to make sure they are ok. If everyone is outside on the playground, the same protocol is now in place. One child may be sent in at a time, the staff communicate which child is inside, and one staff member stands near the doors to the building. If the child is gone for a long time, they go in and check to see what is going on. Ms. Bailey reported that the children are supposed to use the bathroom right inside the building.

Ms. Morris was present the afternoon the incident occurred and was outside with the children. She reported that Child A and Child B were digging in the dirt together. Both children asked to wash their hands and use the bathroom, so she sent them inside to do so. Ms. Morris indicated the bathroom the children use when they are outside is right inside the doors of the building and a staff member usually stands outside the building doors to wait for the children to come back outside. Child A and Child B were only in the building for a short period of time and came out looking clean, so she did not think anything of it. The two children continued to play together after returning and then played together when the group all went back inside too. Child A nor Child B ever reported anything to her about something happening in the bathroom. Ms. Morris explained the new protocol they had implemented for bathroom and water breaks after the incident, which was that one child is allowed to use the bathroom at a time, staff communicate who has gone to the bathroom/when the child returns, and they watch the clock to see how long the child is gone. Ms. Morris indicated she has worked with the children long enough that she knows how long they usually take to go get water, or use the bathroom, so if they are taking longer, she will go check on the child.

Mr. Morris was present and outside with the children the afternoon that the incident occurred between Child A and Child B. He reported that the two children were

playing in dirt together and were sent inside to go wash their hands in the bathroom. Child A is one of the younger children in the program, so they sent him in with an older child. The children returned very quickly from the bathroom and hands were washed. Neither child mentioned anything had happened in the bathroom and they continued to play together like normal. Mr. Morris confirmed that since the incident they are only sending one child at a time to the bathroom, staff communicate when the child leaves the area and when they return, and that they check on them after a few minutes. He reported the bathrooms they use are the right inside the building from outside and the bathrooms located by the cafeteria when they are inside.

On 11/07/2022 I had an exit conference with licensee designee/program director, Ms. Blodgett. I advised Ms. Blodgett that I would be citing a violation for this incident. She reported that moving forward they will have child care staff accompany children in from the playground to use the bathroom, and if they are short-staffed, the child care staff member will need to bring a group of children, or the entire group of children in for a bathroom break. Ms. Blodgett will also have the children take a bathroom break before heading to the playground in an effort to eliminate so many children needing to go back inside for the bathroom. Children will also be monitored closely indoors when they ask to use the restroom and multiple children will not be allowed in the bathroom at one time unless there is a child care staff member in the bathroom with them.

| <b>APPLICABLE RULE</b> |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>R 400.8125</b>      | <b>Staff; volunteer; requirements.</b>  |
|                        | <b>(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.</b>  |
| <b>ANALYSIS:</b>       | Appropriate care and supervision did not occur when two child care children were sent into the school building from outside on the playground to use the bathroom unattended. |
| <b>CONCLUSION:</b>     | <b>VIOLATION ESTABLISHED</b>  |

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

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

*Roxanne Duckworth*

11/10/2022

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Roxanne Duckworth  
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Date

Approved By:

*Yolanda Sims*

11/10/2022

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Yolanda Sims  
Area Manager

Date