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December 15, 2022

Allison Houseman  
Sowing Seeds Child Care Center, LLC  
4107 16 Mile Rd.  
Kent City, MI 49330

RE: License #: DC410384855  
Sowing Seeds Child Care Center  
572 S. State St.  
Sparta, MI 49345

Dear Mrs. Houseman:

Attached is the Addendum to the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility.

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 (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 "Mary Dufon".

Mary Dufon, Licensing Consultant  
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DC410384855
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Sowing Seeds Child Care Center, LLC
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	4107 16 Mile Rd. Kent City, MI 49330
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(616) 520-3653
<b>Administrator/Licensee Designee:</b>	Allison Houseman, Designee
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Sowing Seeds Child Care Center
<b>Facility Address:</b>	572 S. State St. Sparta, MI 49345
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(616) 383-7077
<b>Capacity:</b>	102
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE CENTER

## II. Purpose of Addendum

On 11/16/2022, I received a modification request from licensee designee Allison Houseman requesting that the center's newly constructed classroom be approved as child use space. She is requesting to increase capacity of the center from 70 to 102.

## III. Methodology

03/31/2022-Plan Review Received

11/16/2022-Modificaiton Request Received

12/13/2022-Inspection Completed-Fire Safety: A

12/14/2022-Inspection Completed-Env. Health: A

12/14/2022-Inspecciton Completed on-site

## IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been modified on 7/18/2019 and 2/23/2022.

Sowing Seeds has modified their center to add additional space. They have added a large classroom, two restrooms, and an office. The office will not be space used by child care children. There are three additional sinks are located in the classroom, plus two single restrooms, with one toilet and one sink in each one.

- The Orchard classroom (F) measures 34 x 33, providing a total of 1,122 square feet. The allows for a total of 32 children ages 3 through 12. The licensee understands that if there is a mixed age group in this room, that the ratio is based on the ratio requirements for the youngest child. The licensee also understands that maximum group size would apply with a maximum group size of 30 for children ages 3 and a maximum group size of 32 for children ages 4 through 12.

Previously approve space:

- The Forest Room (A) measures 22 feet by 23 feet, 5 feet by 8 feet, and 6 feet by 7 feet for a total of 588 square feet. This will accommodate 16 children aged 2.5 and above. 3
- The Beach Room (formerly known as the Water Room) (B) measures 26 feet by 18 feet, 7 feet by 4 feet, and 17 by 5 feet for a total of 581 square feet and will accommodate 12 infants and toddlers.

- The Pond Room (formerly known as the Sunshine Room) (C) measures 18 feet by 29 feet and 6 feet by 10 feet for a total of 582 square feet and will accommodate 17 children aged 2.5 and above.
- The Farm Room (formerly known as the gross motor room) (D) measures 20 feet by 30 feet for a total of 600 feet. This is adequate space for 12 infants and toddlers or 17 children over 2.5 years as requested.
- The common room (E) measures 18 feet by 13.5 feet and 4 feet by 13.5 feet for a total of 297 square feet and will accommodate 8 children aged 2.5 and over.

The center has a total capacity of 102 children. There are a total of 13 sinks and seven toilets throughout the center. This supports the center's capacity. A fire safety inspection plan review was completed, and the facility received approval on 12/13/2022 and received an A rating. An environmental health inspection was completed on 12/14/2022 and received an A rating.

The building was built after 1978, therefore a lead assessment is not required.

#### V. Recommendation

I recommend approval of the orchard classroom and the increase of capacity from 70 to 102.



12/14/2022

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Mary Dufon  
Licensing Consultant

Date