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November 5, 2021

Kelly Fuerst
Dryden Community Schools
3866 Rochester Rd
Dryden, MI 48428

RE: License #: DC440261368
Cardinal Early Learning Academy
3835 N Mill Road
Dryden, MI 48428

Dear Ms Fuerst:

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 (810) 787-7031.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your licensing notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Edgar".

Catherine S. Edgar, Licensing Consultant
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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC440261368
Licensee Name:	Dryden Community Schools
Licensee Address:	3866 Rochester Rd Dryden, MI 48428
Licensee Telephone #:	(810) 796-6534
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Kelly Fuerst, Designee
Name of Facility:	Cardinal Early Learning Academy
Facility Address:	3835 N Mill Road Dryden, MI 48428
Facility Telephone #:	(810) 796-2201
Capacity:	198
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

On September 17, 2021, the licensee designee requested to switch preschool and infant/toddler classrooms (Rooms 101 and 111)

III. Methodology

09/17/2021 – Modification request received

09/17/2021 – Inspection completed onsite.

10/27/2021 – Lead hazard risk assessment completed on all child use space.

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the license have been modified on June 4, 2010, July 2, 2012, August 28, 2014, September 3, 2015, June 16, 2017, October 4, 2018, and May 14, 2019.

Cardinal Early Learning Academy is located in Dryden Elementary School. The school currently houses Kindergarten through 5th grades. The program consists of infant/toddler, Montessori-based Preschool, full-day Head Start and GSRP preschool, Prekindergarten, and before and after-school care. The childcare program was formerly known as Dryden Cardinal Club and Preschool. The areas approved for childcare use are:

- Room 101 is 36 ft. x 22 ft., providing a total of 792 square feet. Based on licensing rules for infant/toddler group size, this room capacity will be capped at 12 children ages birth through 2 ½ years.
- Room 104 is 31 ft. x 19 ft., plus 27 ft. x 9 ft., plus 22 ft. x 10 ft., plus 18 ft. x 3 ft., providing a total of 1,106 square feet. This can accommodate up to 31 children ages 2 ½ and older.
- Room 106 is 29 ft. x 22 ft., plus 18 ft. x 10 ft., providing a total of 818 square feet. This can accommodate up to 23 children over the age of 2 ½ years.
- Room 107 is 30 ft. x 19 ft., plus 23 ft. x 10 ft., providing a total of 800 square feet. This can accommodate up to 18 children over the age of 2 ½ years.
- Room 109 is 40 ft. x 28 ft., providing a total of 1,120 square feet. This can accommodate up to 32 children ages 2 ½ and older.
- Room 110 is 30 ft. x 28 ft., providing a total of 840 square feet. Based on licensing rules for infant/toddler group size, this room capacity will be capped at 12 children ages birth through 2 ½ years.
- Room 111 is 30 ft. x 28 ft., providing a total of 840 square feet. This can accommodate up to 24 children over the age of 2 ½ years.
- Room 112 is 30 ft. x 30 ft., providing a total of 900 square feet. This can accommodate up to 26 children over the age of 2 ½ years.
- Room 113 is 30 ft. x 30 ft., providing a total of 900 square feet. This can accommodate up to 26 children over the age of 2 ½ years.
- Room 114 is 30 ft. x 30 ft., providing a total of 900 square feet. This can accommodate up to 26 children over the age of 2 ½ years.

The following rooms are approved for additional use space and were not used to determine the center's licensed capacity:

- The gymnasium is approximately 5,000 square feet and can accommodate the licensed capacity.
- The cafeteria is approximately 120 ft. x 60 ft., providing approximately 7,000 square feet. This can accommodate the center's licensed capacity.
- The library/media center is 41 ft. x 31 ft., plus 30 ft. x 15 ft., providing a total of 1,762 square feet. This can accommodate up to 50 children over the age of 2 ½ years.

Outdoor play will occur on the preschool playground for children not yet school age. A playground inspection was conducted on November 2, 2017. School-age children will use the school playground equipment. Because this equipment has not been inspected by a certified playground inspector, parents will be notified upon enrollment that the playground may or may not comply with the Handbook for Public Playground Safety. Infants and toddlers will use the grassy area adjacent to the school.

The total space is sufficient for a total center capacity of 198 children ages birth through 12 years.

The Head Start and GSRP classrooms will serve breakfast, lunch, and snack.

There is a total of 26 handwashing sinks, 14 toilets, and 7 urinals. This supports the center's licensed capacity. Each of the infant/toddler classrooms has a handwashing sink used exclusively for diapering.

Each classroom has been furnished with a wide variety of age-appropriate equipment sufficient for the center's licensed capacity.

An Environmental Health Inspection was completed on September 20, 2018 and an "A" rating was given.

A Fire Safety Inspection was completed at the time of original licensure and a follow-up is not required as this is a school building.

Lead risk hazard assessments were completed on August 24, 2015, June 20, 2019, and October 27, 2021 and no lead hazards were identified.

V. Recommendation

I recommend approval of Room 101 for children ages birth through 2 ½ years and Room 111 for children over the age of 2 ½ years. This changes the licensed capacity from 220 to 198.

Catherine Edgar

November 5, 2021

Catherine S. Edgar
Licensing Consultant

Date

