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RE: License # DC470370944
IXL Learning Center
5424 E. Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

Dear Ms. Fox:

This letter is a follow-up to the on-site inspection conducted at your center on 07/12/2021 regarding the "C" rating fire inspection. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

The on-site inspection was completed with Qualified Fire Inspector, Mr. Art Eastman, and Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor, Mr. Gerald Rodabaugh.

The violations that were found are:

R400.8535

Fire alarm.

(2) In centers of more than 4 child-occupied rooms, excluding bathrooms, or in centers licensed for more than 60 children, an approved fire alarm system shall be installed and maintained in compliance with NFPA-72

The following information is based on Mr. Rodabaugh's report:

14.4.3.2 Systems and associated equipment shall be tested annually. Fire alarm system will be serviced Annually. Provide current Fire Alarm Inspection Report meeting the requirements of NFPA 72. Maintain current inspection report as defined by 3.3.113.5.

3.3.113.5 Annual Frequency. Once per year with a minimum of 9 months, maximum 15 months.

10.1.1 The basic functions of a complete fire alarm and/or signaling system shall comply with the requirements of this chapter. Provide for the system to meet the requirements, interconnect system for full function of the alarm system, control and supervision of the fire alarm system. Currently the floors are separated and not interconnected for notification or supervision. Provide documentation of the correction and full testing of the system. To be field verified on re-inspection.

R400.8540 Smoke detectors; carbon monoxide detectors.

(1) All child care centers shall, at a minimum, be equipped with approved single station smoke detectors covering all use areas and their means of egress. These smoke detectors shall be located and spaced according to NFPA-72.

The following information is based on Mr. Rodabaugh's report:

29.8.3* Smoke Alarms and Smoke Detectors. Smoke alarms, smoke detectors, devices, combination of devices, and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's listing and published instructions, and, unless specifically listed for the application, shall comply with requirements in 29.8.3.1 through 29.8.3.4. Provide proper smoke detector coverage for all Child Care Use Areas and Exit ways. To be filed verified on re-inspection.

R400.8530 Hazard areas.

(1) Hazard areas shall be separated from the parts of the building used as a center in the following manner:

- (c) In centers licensed after July 1, 2000, areas used for the storage of combustibles and other hazards will continue to be approved if they are enclosed by 1 of the following:
 - (i) Where the area used for the storage of combustibles exceeds 100 square feet, by construction having a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, openings in the separation shall be protected with a minimum of 45 minute-rated fire door and frame assembly, including an approved self-closing device and positive latching hardware. "B" labeled doors are acceptable.
 - (ii) Where the area used for the storage of combustibles does not exceed 100 square feet, by construction having a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating. All door openings shall be protected by minimum 1¾ inch flush solid core wood doors or 20-minute labeled fire-rated doors in substantial frames and

equipped with approved self-closing devices and positive latching hardware.

The following information is based on Mr. Rodabaugh's report:

Provide construction meeting the above requirements for the storage area in the Northwest corner of the lower level of the building. Noted several areas above the ceiling (only checked a small percentage of the space above the drop ceiling) that had penetrations and lacked fire caulking around penetrations. None of the doors in the space are the required 45-minute fire rated. Please inspected and meet the requirements or remove all storage from the area. Based on the general review and a plan to switch one door & frame to a fire rated door & frame no plan review is required at this time. If additional/major work is required to meet the requirements you will be required to submit plans for review and approval. To be field verified on re-inspection.

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(16) Centers shall be kept free of all conditions that constitute fire safety hazards.

The following information is based on Mr. Rodabaugh's report:

Comply with Brighton Area Fire Inspection report. To be field verified on re-inspection.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by August 20, 2021. 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.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, there will be no change to your license status.

You can find a copy of this confirming letter and any associated corrective action plans on our website under Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes. A description of when confirming letters are completed can be found under Overview of Licensing Reports.

Please 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 (248) 975-5053.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thanh C. Biehl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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