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Laura Holbert  
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools  
24076 Pankow  
Clinton Twp, MI 48036

RE: License #: DC500243507  
**Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary**  
**27100 24 Mile Road**  
**Chesterfield Townshp, MI 48051**

Dear Ms. Holbert:

This letter is a follow-up to the Department's findings regarding the interim inspection conducted at your center on 05/04/2023. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules for Child Care Centers.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 7/30/2019. 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 inspection letter and any associated corrective action plans on our [website](#) under [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#). A description of when inspection letters are completed can be found under [Overview of Licensing Reports](#).

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

**R 400.8170                      Outdoor play area.**

(10) An outdoor play area and any equipment located on the center's premises must be maintained in a safe condition and inspected daily before use to ensure that no hazards are present.

During the inspection I observed the following:

- The padded ground surface used as the shock absorption material had several areas that had deep holes creating tripping hazards and areas that did not meet the required depth of cushioning material. Due to the abundance of holes the padding material moves creating ripples that the children are also tripping on. I watched two children trip due to this within in a two-minute period.
- A play structure that is supposed to have anchored attachments has loose/absence of attachments creating a safety hazard. It does not meet the criteria to meet the safety requirements in the Handbook for Public Playground Safety. While the school-age program is exempt from the playground inspection, the playground still needs to meet the standards of the Handbook per rule.

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 (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. DeMuynck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "DeMuynck" following.

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