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November 22, 2021

Todd Wedyke
Education Station LLC
420 Misty Ridge Drive
Middleville, MI 49333

RE: License #: DC700386385
Investigation #: 2022D1078002
Education Station

Dear Mr. Wedyke:

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:
R.400.8125(1) Staff and volunteers

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

- I interviewed: program director/licensee designee, child care staff member, parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 10/19/2021.

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

R. 400.8125(1) Staff and volunteers

I recommend no change to the current license status.

Due to the violations, you must send us a corrective action plan by 12/06/2021. 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.



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- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
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. 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,

Dawnita M. Diaz, Licensing Consultant
 Child Care Licensing Bureau
 611 W. Ottawa
 Lansing, MI, 48909
 (616) 402-9376

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DC700386385
Investigation #:	2022D1078002
Complaint Receipt Date:	10/15/2021
Investigation Initiation Date:	10/19/2021
Report Due Date:	12/14/2021
Licensee Name:	Education Station LLC
Licensee Address:	420 Misty Ridge Dr Middleville, MI 49333
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 329-3551
Administrator:	Todd Wedyke, Designee
Licensee Designee:	Todd Wedyke, Designee
Name of Facility:	Education Station
Facility Address:	17290 Roosevelt Road Spring Lake, MI 49456
Facility Telephone #:	(616) 844-0134
Original Issuance Date:	04/27/2017
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	09/16/2020
Expiration Date:	09/15/2022
Capacity:	85
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
On 10/07/2021 Child A, male age 7 months, had a photo of him naked, with his butt painted posted on Instagram.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

10/15/2021	Special Investigation Intake 2022D1078002
10/19/2021	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Unannounced on-site 12:48pm-1:38pm met with Bethany Davidson, Program Director and Child Care Staff member (CCSM) re: complaint
10/22/2021	Contact - Telephone call made Spoke to Hannah Strang
10/22/2021	Contact - Telephone call made Left message Child A's Mother
11/01/2021	Contact - Telephone call made Left message for Child A's Mother
11/15/2021	Exit Conference Left message for Bethany Davidson re: findings
11/15/2021	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
11/15/2021	Corrective Action Plan Requested and Due on 12/06/2021

ALLEGATION: On 10/07/2021 Child A, male age 7 months, had a photo of him naked, with his butt painted posted on Instagram.

INVESTIGATION:

On 10/19/2021 I conducted an unannounced on-site inspection to Education Station. I met with Bethany Davidson, program director/licensee designee. She was aware of the reported concern that Hannah Strang, child care staff member, (CCSM) posted a photo of Child A, male age 7 months, to Instagram and he was naked. This was done as part of an art project where his bare buttocks were painted orange and then

stamped on a piece of paper to look like a pumpkin. Ms. Strang posted a photo of Child A lying on his stomach, naked, with his buttocks painted orange to her Instagram account. Ms. Davidson said she was not aware that this art project was taking place, she was informed of the incident by Jessica Boekins, infant lead caregiver. She met with Ms. Strang about the reported incident, she admitted she posted the photo, and she was fired from her job. Ms. Davidson said this was not the first incident Ms. Strang has had violating the center’s social media policy of posting photos of children in care. She had not spoken to Child A’s parents about the incident.

I then met face to face with Jessica Boekins, CCSM, about the incident. She is the infant lead caregiver. She said she had done an art project called “bumpkins” where each child is undressed, and their bare buttocks are painted with orange paint and then stamped on a piece of paper to look like a pumpkin. Child A was one child who did not attend on the day the project took place, so she asked Ms. Strang to complete it with him. Ms. Boekins was helping in the kitchen while she did the project. Later she was approached by another co-worker showing her Ms. Strang had posted a photo of Child A to her Instagram. She showed me the photo on her phone, and it shows Child A lying on his stomach on the changing table, unclothed, with his buttocks painted orange. She said Ms. Strang has been in trouble in the past for posting photos of children in care to other social media platforms.

On 10/22/2021 I spoke with Hannah Strang by telephone. She was aware of the reported concerns stating, “I took photos because it was a cute art project.” She admitted to posting photos of Child A to Instagram as she said she, “didn’t think about it.” She knew she was not supposed to do this however she posted the photos anyways. She is no longer employed at the child care center.

On 10/22/2021 and 11/01/2021 I left telephone messages for Child A’s Mother requesting contact with her. I have not received a return phone call.

On 11/15/2021 I conducted an exit conference with Bethany Davidson. She had spoken to Child A’s Mother since the on-site inspection and said she had no concerns about the incident. I requested she ask Child A’s Mother to contact me. I have not received any communication from Child A’s Mother.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.8125	Staff; volunteer; requirements.
	(1) All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

ANALYSIS:	Appropriate care and supervision was not provided to Child A by Bethany Davidson, Jessica Boekins, and Hannah Strang, when he was made to participate in a project where he was naked, had his buttocks painted, photographed and then his image posted on Instagram.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon the receipt of an acceptable written plan of correction I recommend the status of the license remains unchanged.

Dawnita Diaz

11/15/2021

Dawnita M. Diaz
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

Katrice Sweet

11/23/2021

Katrice Sweet
Area Manager

Date