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August 1, 2023

Amanda PeGan
Colon Community Schools
400 Dallas Street
Colon, MI 49040

RE: License #: DC750268857
Colon Elementary School
328 E. State Street
Colon, MI 49040

Dear Ms. PeGan:

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 (517) 284-9730.

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

Sincerely,

Carrie Harris

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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

License #:	DC750268857
Licensee Name:	Colon Community Schools
Licensee Address:	400 Dallas Street Colon, MI 49040
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 386-2239
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Amanda PeGan, Designee
Name of Facility:	Colon Elementary School
Facility Address:	328 E. State Street Colon, MI 49040
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 432-2121
Capacity:	36
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

On July 10, 2023, I received a letter from Amy Brauer, Director of Early Childhood Services for the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, indicating that Colon Elementary School would be transferred to Colon Community Schools.

On July 11, 2023, I received a modification request from Amanda PeGan from Colon Community Schools, indicating that Colon Elementary School would be transferred from St. Joseph County Intermediate School District to Colon Community Schools.

III. Methodology

- 07/10/2023 Contact Document Received – Letter from St. Joseph County Intermediate School District
- 07/11/2023 Modification Request Received – Included Application, Supplemental Application, Licensee Designee Form
- 08/01/2023 Inspection Completed – Fire Safety: A
Approval based on Superintendent’s Written Statement
- 08/01/2023 Modify Terms

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been modified on February 28, 2013, September 17, 2014, January 19, 2017, June 16, 2017, and August 1, 2023.

Colon Community Schools has assumed responsibility for the Colon Elementary School Great Start Readiness Program at Colon Elementary School. Amanda PeGan is the approved licensee designee at Colon Community Schools.

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) located at Colon Elementary School will continue to use Room 141 and Room 142. The following spaces are approved for child care use:

Room	Measurements	Total Space	Ages	Capacity
141	32’x24’=768	768 sq. ft.	3 ½ - 5 years	22
142	34’x24’=816	816 sq. ft.	3 ½ - 5 years	23
TOTALS		1,584 sq. ft.	3 ½ - 5 years	45

The facility continues to have sufficient square footage to support the licensee’s request for a capacity of 36 preschool children ages 3 ½ years through 5 years

old. The center has the required amount of developmentally appropriate and varied equipment for the ages and capacity requested.

The children will continue to have access to three toilets, one urinal, and three hand washing sinks. This meets the requirement for at least one toilet and one handwashing sink to every fifteen children since the program operates more than five continuous hours each day.

The outdoor play area will continue to be located adjacent to the center. The play area is fenced and has one large play structure called "Clash of the Tridents" with four slides and was inspected by a Certified Public Playground Safety Inspector on June 29, 2023, and approved for children ages 2-12 years. The children also have access to portable playground equipment in a shed. The nearby playground for the elementary school students is not approved for the preschool children's use. There are no water hazards on the premises.

The GSRP is for children who are 4 years of age by September 1st of each year. The program operates full-time Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM and follows the school-year schedule.

Transportation to and from the program will be provided on Colon Community School buses. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided to participants through the Colon Community Schools Food Service Program. There is no swimming component offered.

An environmental health inspection was completed on January 17, 2017, and received an "A" rating. A copy of the most recent Food Service License for Colon Community Schools is on file from March 28, 2023. The center provided a statement signed by the Superintendent on August 1, 2023, to demonstrate compliance with fire safety provisions. A lead hazard risk assessment was completed on November 18, 2016. Rooms 141, 142, the hallway, entry, and playground areas were approved. No variances have been requested or approved.

Ruthann (Morrison) Wilson is an approved program director for the preschool program in Room 141. Ms. (Morrison) Wilson was approved on September 15, 2017, and meets the requirements for R 400.8113(9)(a) and (16).

Jessica Brown is an approved program director for the preschool program in Room 142. Ms. Brown was approved on June 2, 2021, and meets the requirements for R 400.8113(7)(b) and (12).

Amanda PeGan is the approved central administrator for the program. Ms. PeGan was approved on August 1, 2023, and meets the requirements for R 400.8113(12). She performs all of the duties outlined in R 400.8112(3)(a) and (c).

V. Recommendation

I recommend approval of the modification to change the licensee from St. Joseph County Intermediate School District to Colon Community Schools.

Carrie Harris

August 1, 2023

Carrie Harris
Licensing Consultant

Date