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April 20, 2023

Abdulaziz Issa
Leap Start Montessori LLC
341 E Huron St
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

RE: License #: DC810409829
Leap Start Montessori
9477 N. Territorial
Dexter Twp, MI 48130

Dear Mr. Issa:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dalerie Hughes".

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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 #:	DC810409829
Licensee Name:	Leap Start Montessori LLC
Licensee Address:	341 E Huron St Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Licensee Telephone #:	(734) 883-8544
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	Abdulaziz Issa, Designee
Name of Facility:	Leap Start Montessori
Facility Address:	9477 N. Territorial Dexter Twp, MI 48130
Facility Telephone #:	(734) 726-5099
Capacity:	50
Program Type:	CHILD CARE CENTER

II. Purpose of Addendum

Licensee designee requested to increase capacity. Capacity of septic tank was approved by Health Department to increase capacity to 50 children. A lead inspection was completed of the soil to approve the playground area for child use. Licensee also requested to change the Toddler Room #2 to an Infant Room.

III. Methodology

04/10/2023 Modification Request Received

04/10/2023 Inspection Completed on-site

04/11/2022 Inspection Completed Environmental Health

11/08/2022 Inspection Completed Lead Hazard Risk Assessment

IV. Description of Findings and Conclusions

The terms of the original license have been modified on April 10, 2023.

Leap Start Montessori is comprised of four rooms. The child care use space was previously approved as follows:

- **Toddler 1** is 33ft. x 25ft., providing a total of 825 square feet. At 50 square feet this accommodates a total of 16 children. This room will be used for children ages 12 months-3 years. The maximum group size for children 12 months to 30 months of age is 12 children. The maximum group size for children 30 months to 3 years of age is 16 3 children. Due to the square footage of this room and maximum group size requirements, licensee designee has requested a capacity of 12 for this room.
- **Toddler 2** is 30ft. x 25ft., providing a total of 750 square feet. At 50 square feet this accommodates 15 children. The maximum group size for children 12 months to 30 months of age is 12 children The maximum group size for children 30 months to 3 years of age is 16 children. Due to the square footage of this room and maximum size group size requirements, licensee designee has requested a capacity of 12 for this room.
- **Preschool Room** is 49ft.x 32ft., providing 1,568 square feet. At 35 square feet this accommodates 44 children. This room will be used for children ages 3-5 years. The maximum group size for children 3 years to 4 years of age is 30 children. The maximum group size for children 4 years until 5 years is 36 children. The total capacity in this classroom should not exceed the maximum groups sizes.
- **Gross Motor Room** is 40ft.x 21ft., providing a total of 840 square feet. Based on 35 square feet per child, there is enough space for a room capacity of 24 children ages 30 months to 5 years at one time. Based on 50 square feet per child, there is enough space for a room capacity of 16 children ages 12

months-30 months at one time. Proper maximum group size would need to be followed for all children. The gross motor room was not included in total capacity.

On April 10, 2023, the room modification is a follow:

- **Toddler Room** (will become Infant Room) is 30ft. x 25ft., providing a total of 750 square feet. At 50 square feet this accommodates 15 children. The maximum group size for children birth to 30 months of age is 12 children. There are 6 cribs available, therefore the capacity of this room is 6 children, age birth to 12 months.

There is a large grassy fenced in outdoor play area located adjacent to the building. On 11/08/2022, a lead hazard risk assessment was completed testing the soil and no lead hazards were found. This area is now approved as the outdoor play area. There is no in ground play equipment. There is a pond located several feet away from the playground area which is separated by a wooded area. The children will stay inside the fenced area. The parking lot area also may continue to be utilized.

On March 31, 2022, Washtenaw County Health Department confirmed that Leap Start Montessori were the only building occupant and approved the increase in capacity from 40 to 50 children. On 04/110/2023, Washtenaw County Health Department provided a letter of approval to Leap Start Montessori.

The licensee designee and program director understand that the total licensed capacity is 50 children birth-5 years. Although four rooms are approved as child use space the center will not exceed more that 50 children at any one time. They also understand that per child care licensing rule 400.8182(7), when there are children of mixed ages in the same room or well-defined space then the ratio and group size is determined by the age of the youngest child.

The total space is sufficient for a total center capacity of 50 children, birth-5 years of age.

There are a total of 4 hand washing sinks and 4 toilets available for child use. This supports the center's capacity.

The classrooms are furnished with a variety of developmentally appropriate equipment. There is an adequate amount of equipment to support the center's capacity.

On 09/12/2022, an environmental health inspection was completed as part of the original license process. A follow up inspection was also completed on 03/31/2023 for the capacity increase. On 01/05/2022, a fire inspection was completed. A lead inspection was completed on 08/31/2022. A follow up lead inspection was completed to test the soil on 11/08/2022.

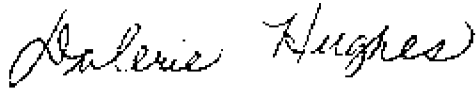
Terms:

The center is approved for a total capacity of 50 children age birth through 5 years.

The center does not provide transportation or swimming. The center does not prepare food.

V. Recommendation

I recommend that Toddler Room #2 be changed to an Infant Room. I also recommend the use of the playground area. The license capacity is increased to 50 children birth-5 years.



April 20, 2023

Dalerie Hughes
Licensing Consultant

Date