



TO: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
302 West Washington Street Rm. W246
Indianapolis, In. 46204

FROM: Victoria Baker, Global Child Development/Care Services Director/
Cummins Child Development Center

RE: Appeal:

DATE: 3/10/2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On 3/9/2017, Inspector Walt Knaepple performed an annual fire inspection of the Cummins Child Development Center at 650 Pleasant Grove in Columbus, Indiana: Identification Number: DC1100172. During the inspection, the inspector determined that the center has one violation: Sec. 1030.2 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5 The description of the violation states: "Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress."

Appeal:

- Length of Operation : Opened 2001-present
- All materials are treated and contain proper documentation as per fire safety codes (Inspecta-Shield Fire Retardant Coating)
- Materials are for educational purposes and are necessary to maintain Local, State and National Accreditation.
- Accreditations are tools that parents use to determine quality care and are necessary for Excellence in the Early Childhood field.
- Minimum 44 inches wide is continuously maintained even with materials present.
- The materials are transition tools for parents to use for easier drop-off from home to school.
- All materials are used in Cummins Child Development Center classrooms as part of the curriculum tools.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please, consider this request:

For families using early care and education programs, each day begins with a significant transition from home to another setting. If the program is a family child care home, the transition has the potential to be a bit less dramatic in its contrast. If it is a center-based program, the transition is likely to feel more like stepping into an institution, a far cry from home. Whatever the setting, children on a tight schedule to leave their families and homes each morning experience a major shift from one world to another. Diversity and Inclusiveness is a core values we take very serious at Cummins Child Development Center. Due to 70% cultural/ethnic makeup of the population (our families) in our center, it is designed to decrease the stress and anxiety that a children feels when leaving a family member each day. It is essential for our project to have the "enrichment" materials that are located in our hallways. **Please, again consider our request.**

Cummins Child Development Center's Personality:

Cummins Child Development Center is a "Miniature City for Children", with more than 13 different ethnic backgrounds and 15 spoken languages; the center bases itself on a philosophy of acceptance and respect for one another, high educational standards and principles, and to create an environment as a global community. The center has been awarded excellence in the field of Early Childhood Education from the following certifications:

- NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) 2001-2008
- NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation) 2008-2017
- Paths to Quality (which is Indiana's highest quality rating system available) 2008-2017
- Eco-Healthy Child Care Certification 2008-2017
- Five Star Certification 2001-2017
- Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (Indiana State Board of Health for child care services) 2001-2017

Cummins Child Development Center's Design:

- 4 Infant classrooms with a capacity of 32 Infants (ages: 6 weeks to 15 months)
- 4 Toddler classrooms with a capacity of 40 Toddlers (ages: 15 months to 30 months)
- 4 Early Preschool classrooms with a capacity of 56 Early Preschoolers (ages: 30 months to 36 months)
- 2 Preschool classrooms with a capacity of 40 preschoolers (ages: 36 months to 48 months)

- 2 Pre-Kindergarten classrooms with a capacity of 40 Pre-Kindergarteners (ages: 48 months to 60 months)
- 1 Kindergarten classroom with a capacity of 15 Kindergarteners (ages: 60 months to 72 months)

If you have additional questions, please contact me at any time. 812-350-6482.

Thank you,

Victoria Baker,

Cummins, Inc.

Global Child Development/Care Services Director: Cummins Child Development Center



FIRE AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION REPORT ORDER

DIVISION OF FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, RM E241
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
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Identification Number DC1100172	Name of the facility CUMMINS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	County BARTHOLOMEW
Address of Property 650 PLEASANT GROVE COLUMBUS 47201	Name of the Contact CINDY REED	Telephone Number (812) 378-5833
Email cindy.reed@brighthorizons.com		Inspection Date 03/09/2017
Inspection Category LICENSED CHILD CARE	Inspection Type ANNUAL	Inspection Status: VIOLATION
Name of the Inspector WALTER KNAEPPLER		Phone: 3176953665
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Violations

VIO-LATION NUMBER	RULE OR INDIANA CODE SECTION VIOLATED	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	DATE BY WHICH VIOLATION MUST BE CORRECTED
1	Sec. 1030.2 2014 Edition IFC 675 IAC 22-2.5	Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress. <u>Educational displays and furnishings are located within the Exit access. All materials have been treated to be NFPA 701 compliant, and documentation w/ pictures has been provided.</u>	04/09/2025

Facility Id DC1100172	Received By Name	Signature and Date
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APPEAL RIGHTS

Please be advised that if you desire administrative review of this Order and **this Order was delivered by hand**, you must file a written petition for review with the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission at 302 West Washington Street, Rm. W246, Indianapolis, IN 46204, identifying the violations for which you seek review no later than 15 calendar days from the hand delivery date of this Order unless such date is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular business hours, in which case the deadline would be the first calendar day thereafter that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular business hours. If you do so, your petition for review will be granted and an administrative proceeding will be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. If you do not file a petition for review, this Order will be **FINAL** and you **MUST** comply with its requirements.

Please be advised that if you desire administrative review of **this Order and this Order was delivered by first class U.S. mail**, you must file a written petition for review with the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission at 302 West Washington Street, Rm. W246, Indianapolis, IN 46204, identifying the violations for which you seek review no later than 18 calendar days from the mailing date of this Order unless such date is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular business hours, in which case the deadline would be the first calendar day thereafter that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday under state statute, or day that the Department of Homeland Security's offices are closed during regular business hours. If you do so, your petition for review will be granted and an administrative proceeding will be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. If you do not file a petition for review, this Order will be **FINAL** and you **MUST** comply with its requirements.

Please be further advised that you may request an opportunity to informally discuss this Order prior to filing a petition for review. Such informal discussion, or a request therefor, does not extend the deadline for filing a petition for review and, therefore, any request for an informal discussion should be made promptly, preferably by telephone, upon receipt of this Order.

