

DAY CARE SCHOOL OF COLUMBIA

## SSB CORPORATION

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Sub: Comments

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## Gentleman:

We object to your new definition of converting Kindergarten students to school-age category.

Ours is a licensed private school which has a Kindergarten program with licensed degreed teachers. Under the current definition, Child Care Management Information System (CCMIS) pays us \$27.08 per day for each Kindergarten student who is considered preschool. But in the new code, we will be paid only \$20.70 per day because the student is considered school-age. There will be a loss of \$6.38 per day, i.e. \$31.90 per week. This will severely curtail our revenue and we are so much concerned that we may not be able to continue our program.

Please do not make a 5-year old school-age. Also, there is a matter of safety when they are transported by school bus.

Sincerely,

Syamal K. Bhattacharya, MBA

PRESIDENT/OWNER

cc: Jennifer Lau

Bureau of Certification Services