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RE: Regulation No. 14-506

Dear Ms. Lau,

Thank you for contacting Apple Pie Day Care, Inc. and allowing us to comment on the proposed changes to child care regulations. Most of the proposed changes make a lot of sense and I can say are already standard operating procedure at Apple Pie Day Care. For example, whether the heat or air conditioner is on, the central HVAC fan is always on and circulating air. I feel this has reduced sicknesses among our children and staff. Additionally, a constant flow of fresh air is comfortable for all. I do however have a few comments regarding the proposed changes:

- 1) **Kindergartener as a Young School Age Child** – I will say in advance that my entire concern in this proposal is financial. I have somewhat against this because Kindergarten children are in our building, with us usually 10 hours, and of course require staffing while they are here. The tuition, from subsidy agencies such as DPW and CCIS, are considerably less for “school age” children than “preschool” children. This change, financially, could unfavorably impact our center and a much needed service to our community. This is not a greed issue, we are an inner city facility with very limited profits and this change would further deteriorate our ability to serve the community with a much needed service.
- 2) **Infants sleep on backs** - Yes, I agree all infant should sleep on their back, exceptions as noted.
- 3) **Child Health Assessment** – Yes, I agree again, the current guideline requires a full time position to administer. The proposed guidelines seem reasonable with, of course, the proper immunization records.
- 4) **Staff Health Assessment** – Yes, I agree, every other year should be sufficient.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 610-352-1064. Thank you.**

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