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**Memorandum**

To: Keara M. Mehlert  
Secretary, Board of Zoning Adjustment

From: Eva Laguerre  
Director of Licensing, Compliance and Subsidy

Date: December 17, 2025

Subject: Board of Zoning Application (BZA) 21424

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is in receipt of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Application referral 21424 from Mestawet Dejene, owner of property located at 1703 Bunker Hill Road, NE (Square 4163, Lot 3). Applicant is requesting special exemption approval for the Expanded Child Development Home pursuant to U-251.1 (b)(3)). Applicant's request for the exemption to increase the capacity of the Expanded Child Development Home capacity to twelve children requires special exemption approval.

The applicant currently owns and operates an Expanded Home Child Development facility (Playsafe Play House Childcare Home) with a current capacity of 9 children. The applicant intends to expand their capacity from 9 children to 12 children, from 6 weeks through 5 years of age.

OSSE recommends that the applicant should be granted the special exception. The special exception is recommended, to benefit the District's growing demand for licensed child care slots.

The facility's child care licensure capacity will be calculated based on Title 5A DCMR, Chapter 1, Child Development Facility Regulations and shall not exceed the occupant load on the issued Home Occupancy Permit (HOP).

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this Memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Eva.Laguerre@dc.gov](mailto:Eva.Laguerre@dc.gov) or Clement Idun, Program Manager for Licensing at [Clement.Idun@dc.gov](mailto:Clement.Idun@dc.gov).