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**RE: ATA Creative Learning Academy**

ATA Creative Learning Academy (“ATA”) has a long history of providing a safe and nurturing place that parents can trust to care for their children. ATA is licensed by the State of Oklahoma and follows all recommendations and best practices provided by the Department of Human Services to ensure the safety of its students.

On April 9, 2024, the owner of the property leased by ATA was doing some repair work to a fence adjacent to the outdoor recreation area utilized by the students. One of the workers didn’t secure the fence properly and a child wandered outside the gate. It is unfortunate that this occurred; however, ATA is extremely thankful that a utility worker saw the child outside the fence and immediately returned the child unharmed.

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On the day of the incident, ATA contacted the child's parents to explain what happened, apologize, and communicate that the fence had been replaced and was secure. This was all memorialized in an incident report signed and acknowledged by the parents. Additionally, ATA contacted their licensing worker, Kellie Miller, to self-report the incident.

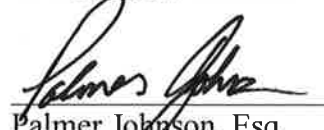
Initially, the parents of the child that wandered off continued to bring their children to ATA for care. At that time, they understood that the incident was isolated and not indicative of systemic abuse or neglect. Their allegations of child abuse and neglect were made almost twenty days after the incident and were only made after DHS began its investigation.

ATA maintains that all allegations against it of abuse or neglect of its students are completely without merit. ATA communicated the circumstances of the incident to the parents of the child involved immediately after the incident occurred and self-reported the incident to the DHS.

The allegations of abuse and neglect being made against ATA are false and completely without merit. ATA is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all its students. Thankfully, the child involved in this incident suffered no harm and was returned safely back to his family. ATA is committed to the continuous improvement of their operational procedures and feels confident the allegations of abuse and neglect currently lodged against them will be unsubstantiated.

Respectfully yours,

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