



## **Project Narrative**

### **Ecole 360 Arlington Heights in 1515 W Dundee Rd**

Ecole 360 was founded in 2017 by Meg and Mesut Birgun with the intention of European touch to childcare. Meg's dedication in life has always been education. She has successfully obtained her BA in teaching and MBA in Educational Management. Meg is Director Qualified by DCFS in Illinois. After the completion of her studies, she has had the pleasure of teaching all age groups in various school settings. Mesut, after obtaining a degree in Political Science, initially worked in the event management business for NGOs and governments for quite some time. The couple brought their different backgrounds, and professional experiences together for the development of Ecole 360 Child Development Center. Ecole 360's concept is a totally new approach in childcare industry. Meg and Mesut's only wish is to make the dream of the families come true who are wishing for their kids the best.

First location in Palatine was opened in August 2017 with the capacity of 96 children. Ecole 360 Palatine never closed doors even staying open during the pandemic as an emergency center for essential worker families. Now Ecole 360 Palatine with 18 fulltime staff members has 95 children enrolled serving families all year around. Second location, Ecole 360 Schaumburg opened in August 2020 with the capacity of 126 children from ages 6 weeks through 12 years old. The center with 20 staff member is already 80% full serving the families in Schaumburg and vicinity.

Ecole 360 looks forward to meeting community in Arlington Heights area and have the opportunity of offering them quality and affordable childcare and preschool. Ecole 360's passionate team works hard to meet every child and family's needs from loving to structured learning environment. Ecole 360 Arlington Heights planned to have capacity of 130 children from 6 weeks to 5 years old in 8 classrooms with 22 staff members. Regular operating hours will be 6:30am-6:30pm M-F, and breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack will be provided through third party catering services. Ecole 360 has full open-door policy with password secured doors which allows families to drop off and pick-up in the building.

The property, 1515 W Dundee Rd Arlington Heights, is a 7,931 SF building in a 79,094 SF lot. Proposed project includes inside alterations as shown in the floor plan, and two playgrounds in the SW side of the building and fence around the building to maintain the safety of children. On the façade of the building, current paint and color will be kept, except maintenance needs, but additional exit doors will be open as shown in the floor plan. Monument sign structure will be saved but the face will be changed with new branding after permits granted.