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Via Electronic Mail

Kolbe School of Polish Language
5841 W. Strong St.
Chicago, IL 60630

Dear Kolbe School of Polish Language:

Section 2-3.45 of the School Code requires that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) set standards for the approval of community-based heritage language programs and ethnic language schools. Further, Section 2-3.44 specifies that such standards shall seek to ensure that the level of world language and/or foreign language instruction in the community-based heritage language programs or ethnic language schools is at least as high as the level of world language and/or foreign language instruction in public high schools.

Your Application for Ethnic School Foreign Language Program Approval indicates that Kolbe School of Polish Language meets ISBE's standards required for approval to provide Polish language and culture instruction and is therefore approved for the 2026-27 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at emizera@isbe.net or 312-814-3850.

Sincerely,

Emily Mizera
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