**Letter of Intent**

to Establish a Partnership between

the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland

and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

on the Professional Development and Placement of Teachers

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland and the Illinois State Board of Education, identified in this document as the Parties, hereby decide to enter into a partnership in the areas of the professional development and placement of teachers.

The Parties recognize that this letter consists of a general overview regarding the Parties' roles, and a formal agreement listing the rights and obligations of the Parties will be agreed upon at a later date.

The Parties have established the main objective for the cooperative programs that will be developed under a formal agreement to include the following areas of activity:

* The opportunity for exchange of teachers to develop their professional skills and participate in cross-cultural partnerships to increase their knowledge of the English language and the American culture and create opportunities to increase the knowledge of the Polish language and culture in Illinois.
* The exchange of experiences in the field of professional development and methodological consultancy.
* The undertaking of joint initiatives in the fields of professional development and methodological consultancy.
* Promotion of local bilateral projects.

To assure continued development of this endeavor, Parties will meet at agreed times to consult regarding their collaboration.

With this understanding, Parties may start preparations for establishing a formal agreement and begin to lay the groundwork for cooperation of teachers after a formal agreement is drafted and signed.

This Declaration will be implemented in accordance with the legal order of the Parties.

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