



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORT
Karmelitská 529/5, 118 12 Prague 1 - Malá Strana

Given in Prague, this day
of 30 April 2020
Ref. No.:
MSMT-2751/2020-4

Decision

Pursuant to Section 38(1)(c) of the Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on pre-school, primary, secondary, higher specialised and other education (the Education Act), as amended, and in compliance with Section 67 of the Act No. 500/2004 Coll., Administrative Procedure Code, as amended, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, with its registered office at Karmelitská 529/5, 118 12 Prague 1 (hereinafter referred to as “Ministry”), as the administrative body having jurisdiction in this matter,

permits

the performance of compulsory education at a foreign school named The Ostrava International School, which was established in the territory of the Czech Republic by a foreign citizen and whose activity is carried out by The Ostrava International School, s.r.o., Gregorova 2582/3, 702 00 Ostrava, Company ID No.: 02815303, where the permit applies from 01 September 2020 for a period of five (5) years, specifically to 31 August 2025.

Rationale

The foreign school The Ostrava International School (hereinafter referred to as “TOIS”), which is represented by Mr. Charles Burrit Gray, Managing Director of the Company, filed, pursuant to Section 38a of the Education Act, an application for permit of performance of compulsory education at a foreign school in the territory of the Czech Republic. The application was delivered to the Ministry on 15 January 2020, i.e. before the statutory deadline. The applicant submitted all the necessary documents determined by Section 38a(3) and (4) of the Education Act. On the basis of the complete file of documents and requested expert opinions, the administrative body decided to issue a positive decision in the matter of permit of performance of compulsory education. The decision is issued on the basis of the following documents:

1. **Document pursuant to Section 38a(3)(a) of the Education Act**, i.e. an excerpt from the Commercial Register from 05 December 2019;
2. **Document pursuant to Section 38a(3)(b) of the Education Act**, i.e. the teaching curriculum “TOIS Curriculum”, in Czech “Vzdělávací program TOIS”, for lower and higher primary school, according to which pupils will perform their compulsory education;
3. **Documents pursuant to Section 38(a)(3)(c) of the Education Act**, i.e. a letter from the United States Department of State of 10 April 2018, in which Mr. Thomas P. Shearer, Director of the Office of Overseas Schools, confirms that the NEASC/CIE accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, a letter from Mr. J.C. Bradley, Director of NEASC/CIE, of 04 December 2019 on the accreditation of the TOIS, a letter from Mr. C.J. Petry, Executive Director of the National Council for Private School Accreditation (USA), of 12 November 2019 confirming that the TOIS meets the CIS accreditation conditions (as confirmed by a letter from Jane Larsson of 09 November 2019) and therefore meets the top regional standards, rules and procedures for schools in the USA, and the documents proving education are recognizable as such;
4. **Document pursuant to Section 38(a)(3)(d) of the Education Act**, i.e. specimens of all school reports and other documents proving education issued by the school (PYP and MYP Term 1/2 Report);

5. **Document pursuant to Section 38a(3)(e) of the Education Act**, i.e. (1) an excerpt from the Commercial Register of 05 December 2019; (2) an excerpt from the public part of the Trade Register of 056 December 2019; (3) accreditations referred to under letter (c), i.e. NEASC/CIE and CIS; (4) letter from Mr. J. Sauer, IB World Schools Manager, of 15 November 2019 proving that the school is accredited for the programme of PYP, MYP and DP (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, Diploma Programme) under the IB School Code: 006275;

6. **Document pursuant to Section 38a(3)(f) of the Education Act**, i.e. general description of the personnel and material resources ensuring the classes, documents proving the applicant's right of use of the premises where the classes will take place, documents proving that in compliance with legal regulations these premises can be used for the given purpose, this specifically concerns the premises at Ostrčilova 19/2925, Ostrčilova 11 and Gregorova 2582/3, Moravská Ostrava;

7. **Document pursuant to Section 38a(3)(g) of the Education Act**, i.e. information on the highest possible number of pupils at the proposed place of the classes in the total amount of 290 pupils, as implied by the Managing Director's statement of 14 January 2020, supported by expert opinions issued by the Regional Hygiene Station of the Moravian-Silesian Region with its registered office in Ostrava; And on the basis of a positive opinion of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport of the Regional Authority of the Moravian-Silesian Region of 17 February 2020 and an expert opinion of the National Pedagogic Institute of the Czech Republic of 10 February 2020 that the teaching curriculum of the school is not in a major breach of the General Teaching Curriculum, the legislation of the Czech Republic, or the objectives and principles of education determined by Section 2 of the Education Act. The school has sufficient material and personnel resources for performance of the education, and they are comparable to the conditions for the activity of the schools registered in the Register of School and School Facilities. Compliance of the school's activity with the long-term plan of education and development of the educational system cannot be assessed, because the Long-Term Plan of Education and Development of the Educational System of the Czech Republic for the Period of 2019-2023 does not cover the issue of foreign school in the territory of the Czech Republic. On the basis of the facts above, the first-level administrative body did not find a reason for not complying with the application. The school is obliged to comply with the provisions of Section 38a(6) of the Education Act.

Instructions

Pursuant to Section 152 of the Act No. 500/2004 Coll., any party to the procedure may lodge an appeal against this Decision in which the extent of the objection against the Decision must be defined as well as the discrepancy with legal regulations or the incorrectness of the decision or the procedure that preceded it; such appeal shall be lodged within 15 days of the notification of the Decision. An appeal shall be lodged with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and decided by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sport. An appeal solely against the rationale of this Decision is not admissible.

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