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Greetings from the German Consulate General in the Midwest!

I recently arrived in Chicago to assume my post as Consul General for the Midwest. My task as a German diplomat is to strengthen German-American relations, but your work as an educator of German serves much the same function: you cultivate in your students an understanding and appreciation of another culture in the hope they will later travel and conduct business in Germany, read German and get to deeply know native speakers of the language. Your work is crucial, and I applaud you for what you do.

As a token of the Consulate General of Chicago's appreciation, we send you a calendar with popular German sayings. We hope the sayings will arouse your students' curiosity about the rich German language and spark further discussions in the classroom.

I will try to visit as many German school programs such as yours around the Midwest as possible, and I hope to be able to meet you and your students in the near future. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist you in any way. We understand the important role of German language instruction in benefiting transatlantic relations and wish to make it a priority to support schools within our consular region.

As a final note, I want to apologize for writing to you in English. Were you to wish to share this message with faculty or parents, I would want them to be able to understand.

Best wishes and happy holidays,