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## **Letter of support**

The German Dyslexia Association, Bundesverband Legasthenie und Dyskalkulie e.V. fully supports the proposal „CHILDhealth“, to become an integral partner within the National Center for Child and Adolescent Health.

We are a national non-profit organisation providing support, advocacy and education for individuals and families affected by dyslexia and dyscalculia. We offer advice and support to people with dyslexia and dyscalculia, parents, teachers, therapists and learners.

Our range of services is supplemented by specialist reports and events, further training opportunities and specialist congresses. Thanks to decades of cooperation with experts from science and practice, colleges and universities, we have comprehensive knowledge in our field and guarantee the highest quality of advice. In addition, the intensive exchange with scientists, doctors, school psychologists as well as counselling and support teachers is the basis for the competent further education of interested schools.

We are committed to an environment that recognizes people's strengths and promotes them. Through our scientific advisory board (that was headed by Prof. Dr. Schulte-Körne for more than 15 years), we are always up to date with the latest diagnostic, therapeutic and support options. This enables us to examine new approaches and offers expertly and critically and to offer qualified advice. We demand early diagnostics as well as innovative, requirement-oriented and future-oriented educational and support approaches that enable individual support, an unencumbered educational career with performance-based qualifications and a successful professional life. We advocate the dismantling of barriers in school, training, study and work. Compensation for disadvantages is just as much our



concern as the implementation of effective protective measures - especially in the form of grade protection - in order to achieve equal opportunities in the evaluation of performance.

We promote acceptance for dyslexia and dyscalculia and ensure equal opportunities. In contact with ministries, schools and educational institutions, we work intensively - together with our state associations - to sustainably improve the conditions of people with dyslexia and dyscalculia in school, training and work. With the aim of strengthening social acceptance for dyslexia and dyscalculia and raising awareness of the problem, we also carry out a wide range of public relations work.

Prof. Dr. Schulte-Körne (PI CHILHealth) is a longstanding partner and has supported the BVL e.V. as head of the scientific advisory board and for the scientific program of the congress since more than 20 years. He has a long track-record of intensive collaboration with our national self-help organization and have provided substantial support for our members by numerous talks, congresses and meetings as well as close collaborations within the national guideline development. Furthermore, BVL e.V. was given broad international visibility by the membership of the International Dyslexia Association as well as being part of the Board and Member of the European Dyslexia Association (EDA). We are thrilled and excited to transport our longstanding partnership to the National Center of CHILHealth and will be an active partner in our joint effort to improve clinical care and prevention in Germany.

Yours sincerely

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