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To the parents of children/young people receiving expanded support (eU)

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Changes to expanded support (*erweiterte Unterstützung*: eU) in regular schools

Dear parents,

As of August 2024, there will be changes to the expanded support (eU) measures. The changes have been approved by the Department of Education and Culture (BKD) and will apply for all regular schools. They aim at adjusting the current practice to enable more children to benefit from the expanded support and allow schools a more flexible and needs-oriented use of resources. It is possible that your child will be affected by the changes.

Your son or daughter is currently receiving “expanded support” at school. The school will consult with you if this support is to be continued. The head of the school may already have notified you that your child will continue to receive the support beyond the 2023/2024 school year. In this case, everything will remain the same.

The eU will continue to be used to address your child's needs, with the aim of promoting their development. In the future, schools will also be able to cope more effectively with challenging situations in a class. The head of the school can now also use expanded support lessons to address problematic situations that arise within a class. This means that the support through eU lessons can now be provided on a one-on-one basis, in a group or in the class as a whole.

An Educational Counselling Service (EB) assessment is not required for expanded support lessons. The head of the school approves this support.

If the expanded support for your child needs to be extended beyond four semesters, the school will discuss this with you. Effective immediately, registration of your child with the educational counselling service will be necessary only if your child's needs are thought to have changed significantly.

Should you have general questions regarding expanded support, please contact the responsible BKD staff member, Ms Sabine Lütolf, sabine.luetolf@be.ch or 031 636 84 72.

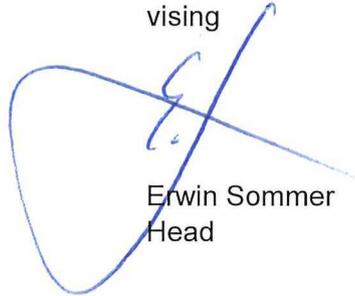
If you have questions concerning your child's specific situation, please contact the head of the school involved directly. They will inform you about the planned use of expanded support lessons.

It is important to the BKD and the school that your child receive the best possible stimulation and support.

Thank you very much for continuing to work with the school in a positive way in the interest of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Office for Pre-, Compulsory Schooling and Advising

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Head