To the parents and guardians of the students of the State Ballet School in Berlin and School for Acrobatic Arts (Staatliche Ballettschule Berlin und Schule für Artistik)

Dear parents,

In response to the difficult situation at the State Ballet School in Berlin and School of Acrobatic Arts, Berlin’s Senate Administration for Education, Youth and Family (Senatsverwaltung für Bildung, Jugend und Familie) has established an independent guidance office (unabhängige Clearingstelle).

We—Elke Nowotny and Arthur Kröhnert—will function as the points of contact at the Clearingstelle. Our professional activities will focus on your questions concerning the well-being of and possible dangers to students.

Information about who we are:

Elke Nowotny is a certified psychologist and was a therapist for many years at the Kinderschutz-Zentrum Berlin e.V, the child protection centre in Berlin.
Arthur Kröhnert is a certified educator and was the long-term federal chairman for child protection centres in Germany.

We will be addressing concerns from students as well as from you, the parents and guardians. We are here to listen to and support you as needed in receiving help through counselling.

All conversations are confidential and anonymous.

As of now, the Clearingstelle can be reached via telephone and email.

Kind regards,

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