

<sup>1</sup> Pupils of all year groups may attend special-needs schools (Lower Saxony Education Act (NSchG) sec. 14, subs. 4 and sec. 5, subs. 3 (3))

Special-needs schools with a programme focusing on 'learning' will be discontinued:

> at primary level, starting from the school year 2013/2014 (for the first time without Year 1);

> at junior secondary level, starting from the school year 2017/2018 (for the first time without Year 5);

> so that the final Year 5 intake will be in the school year 2016/2017.

<sup>2</sup> Existing cooperative comprehensive schools (kooperative Gesamtschulen) are granted protected status under NSchG sec. 183 b