

Dear Dr. Shall,

I am writing on behalf of Mia Wicks. Mia recently received a Cortical/Visual Impairment (CVI) Educational assessment based on an educational and medical history of suspicion, and a recent positive screening on the validated TeachCVI Screening tool completed during a March 2021 optometry appointment with Dr. Barry Kran of the New England Low Vision Clinic at Perkins School for the Blind.

Our assessment process identified many visual behaviors that may be indicative of CVI. Mia struggles with maintaining visual attention in the presence of visual clutter, environmental motion, and when completing visual motor tasks. Mia has demonstrated challenges with visual recognition when it comes to clutter, visually abstract materials, and interpretation of motion. Mia's lower visual field appears to be impacted; she has challenges with producing visually guided movements of the lower and upper limbs. Mia is visually distracted by motion in the environment and has challenges perceiving the motion of small, fast moving stimuli. She is distracted by specific light sources in the environment and uses light as a support through the backlighting of materials. Mia requires direct and explicit teaching at near for optimal visual recognition.

In Dr. Barry Kran's March 2021 optometry report, the following statement was shared: "Mia is on the list for a formal academic assessment for CVI and this is supported. Until we have more medical eye care information and can repeat symbol acuity, a formal medical diagnosis is being held for now but she should be considered to have CVI and determination of possible accommodations would improve function should be employed in consultation with Perkins CVI Team."

A medical diagnosis of CVI, should it be deemed appropriate based on the results of your medical testing, Dr. Kran's report, and Mia's educational evaluation, is an essential component required to ensure that appropriate assessment and intervention methods are continued for visual accessibility.

Please contact me to further discuss Mia Wicks and her pending diagnosis of Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment.

Sincerely,

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