



Rehoboth Christian School Chooses Inclusion for Upcoming School Year
School partners with CLC Network to ensure children with special needs are included in mainstream education programs

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (January 2016) – Rehoboth Christian School located in Rehoboth, New Mexico has partnered with CLC Network to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable their inclusion in all aspects of school life. CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities.

“We have many students who struggle academically, physically, and socio-emotionally at Rehoboth Christian School. We want to make sure each student feels loved and welcomed at our school, as well as supported in their areas of need,” said James Holwerda, elementary principal and special education teacher at Rehoboth Christian School. “CLC Network has helped many Christian schools assess their academic support programs as well as implement best practices in inclusive education. We are excited to look at our current support program and make it better with the help of CLC Network.”

The partnership will allow Rehoboth Christian School to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. Consultants will work with the school to assist with creating individualized student plans and behavior plans, implementing response to intervention and differentiation, as well as fostering general academic and social inclusion within the school. The school will also have access to best-practice online professional development sessions on Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavior Management, Differentiated Instruction, Neurodevelopment, Bullying Prevention, Anxiety and Depression in the Classroom, and Restorative Justice, as well as school psychologists to help understand and create strategies for struggling learners.

“Our teachers will be blessed through this partnership because they will learn new ways to teach students with higher needs in their classrooms, which in turn, will help all students learn better,” continued Holwerda. “When we help all students succeed and reach their potential, the Rehoboth and Gallup communities will be blessed.”

"We believe that inclusion for students at all levels of ability changes the school community for the better," said Elizabeth Lucas Dombrowski, CLC Network executive director. "We are thrilled to work with James and the entire Rehoboth Christian School staff to implement best practices that help all students reach their potential."

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About CLC Network:

CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities. The organization partners with families and organizations to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable their inclusion in all aspects of life. For more information on CLC Network or a list of available resources, visit www.clcnetwork.org.