



Calvin Christian School Chooses Inclusion for Upcoming School Year

School partners with CLC Network to ensure children with special needs are included in general education programs

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (July 2014) – Calvin Christian School, located in South Holland, Illinois, 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 chose to partner with CLC Network because we wanted something more,” explained Randy Moes, principal at Calvin Christian School. “We recognized that we could be more effective in how we intervened with students who struggled.. This partnership will allow us to further enhance and improve what we do here, to the glory of God.”

The partnership will allow Calvin Christian to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. A teacher consultant will be assigned to the school to assist with creating individualized student plans, curriculum assistance, transition plans, behavioral intervention plans, and general academic and social inclusion within the school. The school will also have access to best-practice online professional development sessions on Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavior Management, Neurodevelopment, Bullying Prevention, Anxiety and Depression in the Classroom, as well as school psychologists to help understand and create strategies for struggling learners.

“I am looking forward to learning how to better work with teachers in our general education classes,” said Esther Voss, academic support teacher at Calvin Christian. “I feel excited about being able to teach and coordinate our program to optimize how we teach students who need to learn in a different way. I will be able to spend more time working on these issues with parents, teachers and students.”

“Our team is excited to work with Randy and the rest of Calvin Christian’s teachers and staff to better serve students with varying abilities,” said R.H. “Bear” Berends, executive director of CLC Network. “We look to develop and integrate custom education plans that build on each student’s gifts, while still maintaining the integrity of the school’s educational standards.”

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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.

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