



## **Illiana Christian High School Strengthens Support Services in 2017**

*School partners with CLC Network to ensure students with varying abilities are included in general education programs*

**Grand Rapids, MI (September 2017)**– Illiana Christian High School, located in Lansing, 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 equipping congregations and schools to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities.

“This partnership will allow us to provide support to all Christian families who desire a Christian education for all of their children,” said Peter Boonstra, principal at Illiana Christian. “It will help our staff put our hearts behind our practice and strengthen our school culture to be a place where all students are able to be successful and welcomed.”

The partnership will allow Illiana Christian High School to more effectively welcome students with varying abilities into the educational community. CLC Network will assist the school with implementing core practices in inclusive education to strengthen teaching and learning for all students, while also fostering social inclusion among peers.

“We look forward to working more closely with our teachers to develop their knowledge of inclusion, adapting and differentiating instruction, and embracing a growing diversity of students,” said Heidi Teach, director of student services at Illiana Christian.

“Our team is eager to work with Peter, Heidi, and the rest of Illiana Christian High Schools’ teachers and staff to help them understand and support the gifts and needs of each student, regardless of their ability,” said Elizabeth Lucas Dombrowski, executive director at CLC Network. “Over the past 28 years, we have seen inclusive education transform general education classrooms, social groups, and extracurricular activities-- we are thrilled about Illiana Christian High School’s desire to move forward on this journey.”

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**About CLC Network:**

CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to equipping congregations and schools to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities. 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](http://www.clcnetwork.org).

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