



Beaver County Christian School Chooses Inclusion for 2017

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

Grand Rapids, MI (September 2017)– Beaver County Christian School, a private Christian elementary, middle and high school located in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, 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.

“We decided to partner with CLC Network because we wanted to be sure that we are doing all we can with the resources we have to be a school that helps all students learn and grow, even if a student has a moderate or a significant disability,” said Doug Carson, Beaver County Christian principal. “We want Christian families to have the ability to send all of their children to our school and to put into practice the biblical metaphor of a body working together even though the parts of that body are very different.”

The partnership will allow Beaver County Christian 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 are a good school now, but we want to be even better. We want to practice inclusive education while responsibly using the resources God has given,” said Carson.

“Our team is eager to work with Doug and the rest of Beaver County Christian 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 Beaver County Christian 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.

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