



Allendale 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. (August 2013) – Allendale Christian School 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.

“Our administration chose to partner with CLC to ensure our teachers have exceptional resources to engage, to teach, and to lead students of all abilities,” explained Brian Koetje, principal at Allendale Christian School. “We look forward to gaining a better perspective of what it means to be an inclusive community through this partnership.”

The partnership will allow Allendale Christian School to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. Teacher Consultants, employees of CLC Network, will work with teachers at Allendale Christian on an individual basis, ensuring they are exceptionally prepared to serve individuals with different needs. Allendale Christian will also have access to all resources created by CLC, to help students reach their full potential.

“Our team is excited to work with Brian and the rest of Allendale 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 Allendale Christian’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.