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## **Western Christian High 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)** – Western Christian High School, located in Hull, Iowa, 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 partnership with CLC further promotes our commitment to giving all students – regardless of their abilities or disabilities – an education grounded in scripture,” explained Dan Barkel, principal of Western Christian High School. “We trust that this new relationship will help us better understand how to work with and engage students who are differently-abled, and we look forward to gaining a better perspective of what it means to be an inclusive community.”

The partnership will allow Western Christian High School to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. Teacher Consultants, employees of CLC Network, will work with teachers at Western Christian on an individual basis, ensuring they are exceptionally prepared to serve individuals with different needs.

“Our team is excited to work with Dan and the rest of Western 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 Western Christian’s educational standards.”

For interview opportunities and media inquiries concerning CLC Network, please contact Gwen Bultema at 616.656.7500 or [gwen@bultemalambert.com](mailto:gwen@bultemalambert.com).

### **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](http://www.clcnetwork.org).

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