



## **Heritage Christian Schools 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)**– Heritage Christian Schools, a pre-school through twelfth grade school located in New Berlin, Wisconsin, 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.

“Our school’s desire is to serve the whole body of Christ. As we plan strategically for the future, we want to be wise in creating an exceptional program to meet the needs of each individual the Lord entrusts to us,” said John Davis, President of Heritage Christian Schools. “CLC Network brings a level of expertise in structuring a program to serve students with disabilities that we knew would add value to our school.”

The partnership will allow Heritage Christian Schools 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.

“This partnership will help us better align our program with best practices in academic intervention,” said Eric Schroeder, Educational Support Services Director at Heritage Christian Schools. “CLC Network will also help us keep the importance of serving students with disabilities at the forefront of our minds as we seek to become a school that truly reflects the entire body of Christ.”

“We are currently in the process of restructuring our intervention program,” said Liz Hoek, Curriculum Director at Heritage Christian Schools. “As we restructure, we are thankful for a partner in CLC Network that has walked this road before, walked it well, and has the expertise to help us be successful. We are looking forward to utilizing CLC Network’s wealth of experience to implement best practices for supporting all students while maintaining the personal connections valued by our small school.”

“Our team is eager to work with John, Eric, Liz, and the rest of Heritage 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 Heritage Christian Schools' desire to move forward on this journey.”

For interview opportunities and media inquiries concerning the above, please contact Gwen Bultema at [gwen@bultemagroup.com](mailto:gwen@bultemagroup.com) or 616-536-1400.

**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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