

*“It is with deep admiration and respect that I look to CALC (the Children’s Academy and Learning Center) as a model school in Haiti. The school community has created a glorious opportunity for learning, innovation and reflection. Here at InnovEd, we are constantly seeking and partnering with schools that can promote growth and liberation for the Haitian student. Our team has had the privilege of collaborating with CALC since its inception by providing professional development to the teachers and school leaders.*

*CALC is exemplary in the following three key ways: 1) Engagement - All members of the community have been intricately involved in creating an inclusive, safe and joyful school environment for all learners. From starting every day with a school-wide Morning Circle to hosting language classes for youth and parents, CALC values each member of the community and seeks opportunities for involvement. 2) Connection - CALC fosters meaningful learning through cultural and contextual connections such as promoting mother-tongue Kreyòl as a language of instruction and providing deep understanding through experiential learning in the garden. 3) Reflection - CALC seeks excellence through continual reflective practices for improvement. It is as refreshing to see students pause each day to reflect on how they are feeling and what they are learning, as it is to see teachers and parents sit and reflect together on how best to democratically govern the school.*

*CALC has set out to not just improve education in Haiti, but rather to transform how school should even be conceptualized. Our team is grateful to be working alongside them in this konbit. Chapo ba!”*

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