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**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

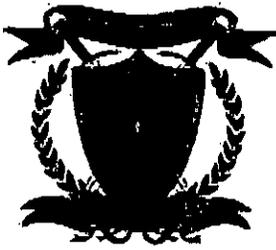
FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: October 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Family of Faith Christian School requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. Family of Faith Christian School is an accredited private school since 1995 through the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC).

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To The State Board of Education:

On behalf of Family of Faith Christian School, this letter is a petition for participation approval for the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships.

Family of Faith Christian School was founded in 1985 and received state recognized accreditation in 1995 through the International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA) thus receiving OPSAC recognition. The current accreditation approval is valid until its renewal in 2021. In addition, Family of Faith Christian School has received accreditation with AdvancEd which is also valid until renewal in 2021. The school is financially viable and in compliance with state laws regarding private schools, health, and safety.

The school serves grades Kindergarten through Twelfth. There are currently 110 students enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. For all grades served, there is an all-day program which begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. As per our Non-Discrimination policy, Family of Faith Christian School admits students of any race, national, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities available at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, national, or ethnic origin in admission of policies, administration or its educational policies, or athletic or school administered programs. The process of expulsion as stated in the school policy is strictly adhered to if a warranted situation occurs.

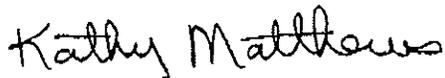
For students who have learning challenges that require accommodations or modifications in the curriculum, Family of Faith Christian School seeks to provide additional support and assistance through in-class strategies and out-of-class tutoring. While some students may require general classroom assistance such as a reduction of work, or a specific pencil that is tailored to their needs, other students require help that necessitates time out of the general classroom. Based upon the specific needs of the student, a Collaborative Assistance Plan (CAP) is created in collaboration with the teacher, the administrator, and the parent in order to address the specific needs. This plan is evaluated at the end of each grading period to determine its effectiveness and to make changes if necessary. For general information regarding student grades and progress, parents have access to the online reporting system. In addition to assessment information, parents can view the school calendar of events, cafeteria menus, school documents including, but not limited to, school handbooks, and other school related news. This system helps ensure an open system of communication with each parent in regards to the

progress of their children.

Teachers at Family of Faith Christian School must hold a baccalaureate or higher degree that is related to their specific field of teaching. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or higher degree must demonstrate sufficient life experience to be granted a waiver by the school's accreditation organization.

The need for students who have learning challenges is only increasing. Family of Faith Christian School is invested in providing quality education in smaller classroom settings to help meet some of these challenges. However, some children have challenges that cannot be met within the mainstream classroom and thus require special resources. As these outside resources incur an additional cost to families, the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship will be a great benefit to easing that financial burden on tuition. Thank you for your consideration of Family of Faith Christian School for the scholarship program as the school strives to better serve those who have needs and require extra support. If granted acceptance into this program, Family of Faith Christian School agrees to follow all stipulations laid forth by the program.

Sincerely,



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