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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi

DATE: December 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Approval is requested for Corn Bible Academy, an Association of Christian School International (ACSI) accredited private school that wishes to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

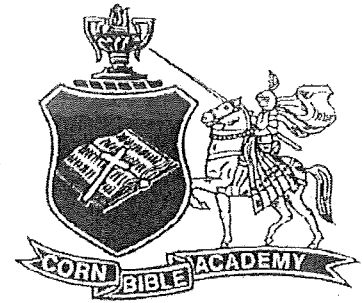
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Dear State Department of Education,

I am writing on behalf of Corn Bible Academy in Corn, Oklahoma. We have a desire to become an approved school for the Linsey Nicole Henry Scholarship program. I, as the Superintendent with permission from the school board, will seek approval for this program for the 2014-15 school year. I have read the memorandum and the act itself and believe that we should qualify to be an approved site.


We have been in existence since 1902. We currently serve grades 7 through 12, with our school district encompassing all of Washita and Custer County. We currently are in the Cordell Public School District. We are certified by the Association of Christian Schools International. We have been certified by them for 13 years. ACSI is recognized by the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission.

We have serviced many different children over the years with disabilities and that has certainly benefited the entire community. It takes a team effort between student, parents, administration and the teachers to make it work. There are many ways that our small class sizes and the ability we have for one on one attention can be beneficial. The communication between teachers and parents is a valuable asset for many students in our school. They work together to develop strategies especially designed to fit each student's learning disabilities. Students are helped to realize the potential that they have here both academically and in activities. Many of these students are able to participate in athletics and other activities that they may not be able to in a public school.

We have one faculty member who has been trained by the National Institute for Learning Disabilities (NILD). We have been able to use her as a team leader in many cases and institute many of the things that she learned in her training to help the student's that we have had in the past.

We will continue in the future to service as many students as possible. We do feel that we are qualified and equipped to help a good portion of the special education population. We do understand that there is a portion of that same population in which we are not qualified and equipped to service. That evaluation of our ability to service a particular student will be made at the family interview before enrollment takes place.

Again, I have read the qualification of this program, and feel that we could help to serve many students in western Oklahoma using this scholarship program.

Sincerely,
Curt Cloud 
Corn Bible Academy Superintendent

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