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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet Barresi

DATE: September 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships

Approval is requested for Oklahoma Christian Academy, an AdvancedEd, National Christian School Association (NCSA), and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC) private school, wishing to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

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September 4, 2012

Oklahoma State Board of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

RE: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act

Oklahoma Christian Academy (OCA) would like to make a formal request to become an approved private school to be a recipient of the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship. OCA was established in the fall of 1987 and is located in the heart of Edmond. OCA houses grades PreK3-12th and has a total enrollment of 250 students. We currently have dual accreditation by AdvanceEd and the National Christian School Association. Also, we are accredited through OPSAC (Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission).

OCA offers smaller class sizes, innovative teaching methods, extended time for tests, special accommodations for testing/note taking, study skills classes, one-on-one tutoring, and a teacher-student ratio that provides more accountability for each student. Classroom/extra-curricular team activities teach and develop social skills. Additionally, we have an academic counselor that works closely with students and the parents to plan a course of study that would allow the student to be successful in their post high school education.

We believe what OCA has to offer will benefit some students who are on an IEP. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. We look forward to partnering with you in serving and meeting the needs of Oklahoma's students.

Sincerely,

Brandon Tatum
President

Gabriel Schmidt
Principal