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 Mission Academy High School, a National Association of Recovery High Schools and an Associate Member of OKA+ Schools private school, wishing to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

Mission Academy High School

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Dear Oklahoma Board of Education,

Thank you for reviewing this request for approval to serve those eligible to receive Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships. We believe we meet the standards required. Mission Academy recently accredited after successfully completing the rigorous process by North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) on June 10th, 2012. Our validating accreditation number is QFH7QP.

Mission Academy is a member of the National Association of Recovery High Schools and an Associate Member of OKA+ Schools, serving students in grades nine through twelve. As a community school, students reside in Oklahoma City, Norman, Choctaw, Moore, Yukon, Deer Creek, Putnam City, and Edmond. Students achieve their graduation requirements through Oklahoma State Department of Education approved curriculum. Over the past 3 years, our graduation rate has been ninety percent. The majority of these students continue with college, career-tech, or the military. Students on an Individual Education Plan receive tutoring from specialists in math and reading and their curriculum is modified when needed. Portfolios and authentic assessments of student work demonstrate competencies met. Instruction is self-paced, prescriptive and individualized. In addition, the facility is handicap accessible. Communication involves all of the stakeholders including our Board of Directors, parents, students, community agencies, and partners.

Our mission is to empower teens to achieve success in a recovery-based learning environment. This population includes students with learning disabilities who also need a learning environment supportive of recovery. Our commitment is to meet the needs of these students.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you need additional information or have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Janet Oden

Janet Oden, Executive Director