

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM:

Janet Barresi

DATE:

October 27, 2011

SUBJECT:

Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Approval is requested for St. James the Greater Catholic School, an Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools accrediting Association (OCCSAA) private school, wishing to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

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22 September, 2011

Misty Kimbro
Director of Special Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Kimbro,

It is the desire of St. James the greater Catholic School to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry scholarship with Disabilities Program.

St. James the Greater Catholic School is fully accredited through the Oklahoma Catholic School Accrediting Association and through reciprocal agreement by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The school has been operating since its inceoption in 1956, and currently has an enrollment of 172 children in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. All homeroom teachers and the administrator are fully certified by the State of Oklahoma. Of our 16 faculty members, 14 have between three and 36 years of teaching experience.

St. James the Greater currently cooperates with the Oklahoma City Public School system to provide educational tutoring twice weekly in Math and Reading to qualified students.

St. James the Greater adheres to the tenets of Title IX. Additionally, we admit students regardless of race, color, gender, physical disability, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally associated or made available to students.

The school currently has an operating budget of \$684,000.00, which is audited regularly as part of St. James the Greater Catholic parish.

St. James the Greater meets all health and safety codes by cooperating with the Oklahoma City Fire Department and the county health department. A Crisis Management Handbook is maintained by the school and regularly practices tornado, fire, evacuation, earthquake, and lockdown procedures throughout the school year. Additionally, St. James the Greater follows and distributes a parent/student handbook outlining all school policies, procedures and disciplinary code.

Should I be able to provide any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact me at (405) 636-6810.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Codding

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Principal

cc: Sr. Catherine Powers, C.N.D.