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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, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE:

October 22, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 

Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Approval is requested for St. Philip Neri Catholic School to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. St. Philip Neri Catholic School is an accredited private school through the Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCCSAA).

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August 28, 2015

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

Dear Honored Members,

Please accept this letter as notification that St. Philip Neri Catholic School requests to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Schölarships for Students with Disabilities Program. St. Philip Neri is located in Midwest City, Oklahoma, and we serve students who are three years old through the eighth grade.

Before accepting a student with disabilities, the principal of St. Philip Neri Catholic School interviews the student and his/her parents or legal guardian to insure that the services we provide can best serve the student both academically and socially. In addition, we review all official documentation provided by the parent or legal guardian and/or the transferring school such as IEPs, test scores, evaluations by medical and special service professionals, etc. to insure that we are aware of the student's needs. Students with disabilities who are served by St. Philip Neri Catholic School are serviced in the regular classroom setting with a resource room available at the middle school grade level.

St. Philip Neri Catholic School has been educating students since 1954. The school is fully accredited by the Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCCSAA). Current accreditation status began in May, 2013 and will run through 2020. We are in compliance with the antidiscrimination provision of 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d. We meet state and local health and safety laws and codes. We will be academically accountable to the parent or legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the students. We employ or contract with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees. We comply with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools. We will adhere to the tenets of our published disciplinary procedures prior to expulsion of a scholarship student.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need in order to determine eligibility for St. Philip Neri Catholic School to participate in the scholarship program. I can be reached by phone at 405-737-4496 or via email at <a href="mailto:blener@spnok.org">blener@spnok.org</a>.

Respectfully,

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