MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM:

Janet C. Barresi

DATE:

August 20, 2013

SUBJECT:

Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

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



5913 W. Chestnut Enid, Oklahoma 73703

July 22, 2013

Oklahoma State Department of Education Special Education Services 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Oklahoma Bible Academy. Founded in 1911, OBA offers a full course of study for grades 6 – 12.

Oklahoma Bible Academy is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. The A.C.S.I. accrediting body is a member of the Oklahoma Private Schools Accrediting Commission.

The OBA purpose is to provide a faith-based course of study based on the Holy Scriptures.. The curriculum is college-preparatory and the general requirements for graduation are comparable to OSDE. standards.

OBA enrolls students who have agreed to the Statement of Faith, have completed an application for admission. Each student and at least one parent is required to attend the admission interview. The OBA school official conducting the interview explains the resources and programs available for students with disabilities. Services currently provided for students with disabilities are: Discovery Therapy (NILD), Academic Resource Coordinator prescribing/administering tutoring and remedial help, also providing appropriate accommodations based on identified needs of the student.

It is the desire of Oklahoma Bible Academy to be added to the approved list of private schools participating in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship program and to fully cooperate with the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Respectfully,

Dallas Caldwell Headmaster

AFFIDAVIT (Private School Compliance Statement) Required Annually

| [, | Dallas Caldwell, swear and/or affirm under oath that: |
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| | 1. I am the Headmaster (insert title) of Oklahoma Bible Academy (private school), a Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act approved private school. |
| | 2. Oklahoma Bible Academy has been an approved private school for receipt of Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship funds since July , 2013. |
| | 3. Oklahoma Bible Academy (private school) is in compliance with state laws for the 2013-2014 school year, including but not limited to the following: |
| ŧ | ✓ Meets the accreditation requirement set by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education; |
| | Demonstrates fiscal soundness by having been in operation for (1) school year or providing the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school desiring to participate is insured and the owner or owners have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming year by serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonable expected; |
| | Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d; |
| | ✓ Meets state and local health and safety laws and codes; |
| | Will be academically accountable to the parent/legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student; |
| | Employs or contracts with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least three (3) years of teaching experience in public or private schools, or have special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide instruction in subjects taught; Complies with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools; and |
| | Adheres to the tenet of its published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student. |
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| | Representative of Oklahoma Bible Academy |
| Subscr | ibed and sworn to before me this 16 th day of July, 2013 by |
| _Ca | Carolyn Hamm Carolyn Hamm NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission No.: 00001680 |
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