



**JANET BARRESI**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Janet Barresi *JCB*  
**DATE:** October 27, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Approval is requested for St. Joseph Catholic School, an Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools accrediting Association (OCCSAA) and the 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 29, 2011

Misty Kimbro  
Director of Special Education  
Oklahoma State Department of Education  
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73015

Dear Ms. Kimbro:

St. Joseph Catholic School in Enid, Oklahoma declares its intention to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.

St. Joseph Catholic School is a fully accredited school through the Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools Accrediting Association and through reciprocal agreement by the Oklahoma State Department of Education via the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission. St. Joseph's has been opened since 2001 and currently has 88 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. All homeroom teachers in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are certified teachers by the State of Oklahoma. All homeroom teachers and administrators have at least three years of teaching experience.

St. Joseph Catholic School works with Enid Public School in providing speech therapy, special education tutoring, and ELL reading programs to qualified students. St. Joseph's adheres to the tenets of Title IX. Our Parent-Student Handbook states that "There shall be no discrimination in enrollment practices according to race, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, or gender at St. Joseph Catholic School."

St. Joseph Catholic School currently has a \$468,000 operating budget. An independent auditor audits the school's financial records annually.

St. Joseph Catholic School works with Garfield County and the Enid Fire Department to ensure that the school meets health and safety codes. The school maintains an updated Crisis Management Handbook, and practices fire, tornado, evacuation, and lockdown procedures throughout the school year. St. Joseph's distributes and follows a school-wide disciplinary code.

If I can provide additional information, please contact me at (580) 242-4449.

Regards,



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