



CITY EDUCATION PARTNERS

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Commissioner Mike Morath
Texas Education Agency
The Texas Education Agency
Generation Twenty-Five
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Mike Morath:

This letter is to express our support for the authorization of 7Cs Thrive Academy in San Antonio, Texas. This proposed school will focus on our most educationally underserved students with a comprehensive educational model that brings in social emotional learning and critical thinking for the south side of San Antonio. As the Chief Executive Officer of City Education Partners, I believe they will be a great addition to our ecosystem.

At City Education Partners, our vision is that all students in the urban core of San Antonio have access to a high-quality public education, so they have the ability to live choice-filled lives. 7Cs Academy will offer students who currently do not have the ability, an opportunity to access a great school that will allow them the opportunity to enter college and succeed in life. Their willingness to be a partner in the community and serve in the areas that need it most will also set them up for success.

Furthermore, the board of the organization is strong with a rich community background. If authorized, we will continue to support 7Cs through building a community co-design team and piloting pieces of their models prior to launch. We look forward to working with their team and TEA in order to make this opportunity a reality for San Antonio.

Sincerely,

Mark Larson
Chief Executive Officer