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Commissioner Mike Morath
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

The Honorable
Dr. Kevin Ellis
Chair of the State Board of Education
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Morath and Dr. Ellis:

I am proud to write this letter of support for 7 Cs Academy, a proposed network of PK-5 open-enrollment charter schools for students and families in San Antonio.

My journey as an education advocate began as a parent of two children, now ages 12 and 10—one of whom is on the autism spectrum. As the Founder and Executive Director of San Antonio Charter Moms, I work to help other families have an easier journey to find schools where their children can thrive, be happy, feel safe, and have a sense of belonging.

Growing the supply of seats at high-performing charter schools in San Antonio is critical. Our current set of schools is not supplying enough graduates who are college-ready or who can jump in to the skilled jobs that employers are trying to fill. The prosperity of everyone in San Antonio depends on raising the quality of public education here, and soon.

7 Cs Academy will bring to San Antonio a valuable new school model that is based on a deep and thoughtful appreciation for data and how it guides learning. Students will build knowledge through achieving competencies and developing critical thinking skills. The character education program will help students develop their heads, their hearts, and their hands. Students will grow a sense of belonging and will receive social and emotional support. 7 Cs has a plan to develop talent by growing their own Master Teachers.

I have no reservations about recommending 7 Cs Academy and truly believe that authorizing this school will provide students and their families in San Antonio the high-quality education they deserve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 210-725-1029 or inga@sachartermoms.com.

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