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

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

Dear Commissioner Morath and Dr. Ellis:

As the founder of Prelude Prep, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for 7Cs Academy, a proposed preschool through eighth grade high-quality, open-enrollment charter school in San Antonio.

As a San Antonio public school student, my zip code determined the quality of school I attended and my family sacrificed to ensure that I had access to a high-quality education. Today in San Antonio there are far too many families in underserved areas that are looking for access to high quality schools in their neighborhood. I know 7Cs Academy will provide a high-quality educational option for families.

The 7Cs Academy has an instructional model grounded in cognitive and neuroscience theories which will ensure students have the social, emotional, and academic skills that are essential for success. This approach is child centered, hands- on, and evidence based enabling students to receive the support they need to be successful. The 7Cs model will be exceptionally valuable in light of the learning loss students are facing due to Covid-19.

I recommend 7Cs Academy without reservation and truly believe that authorizing this school will provide San Antonio students and their families a pivotal high-quality educational opportunity that is not available in their neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Lauren Lewis

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