

November 17, 2020

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

Dear Commissioner Morath:

I strongly support and endorse 7CsThrive, an educational nonprofit organization, as they design and propose opening 7Cs Academy, a PreK-8 public charter school in the South/Southwest/Westside of San Antonio.

I first met with Dr. Balasubramanian (Dr. B) in 2019 when two Directors of 7CsThrive and he shared their vision for the school. After studying their preliminary proposal and reflecting on our breakfast conversation, I was happy to join their team as one of the founding members of the Governing Board of 7CsThrive on January 4, 2020.

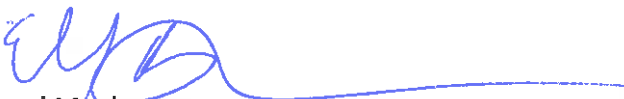
Dr. B and the Board of Directors of 7CsThrive believe that all children must be given the opportunity to a good quality (world-class) education. I believe this vision will be achieved with high-quality teaching and learning that 7Cs Academy has planned. We know that children should be prepared for success by teaching them essential life skills and not tricks to pass standardized tests. The Governing Board and CEO of this charter school are on a mission to remove barriers and inspire every child to think critically, solve problems, and seek to improve their communities.

The Academy will effectively deliver *whole child education* by building on an evidence-based practice called *Designing Learning*. This model focuses on higher-level literacy and numeracy skills to build intellectual human, and moral character virtues in children. 7Cs also believes that parents, should have choices about where to send their children to get the best education for their academic growth.

I have worked with diverse communities, promoted literacy, and empowered marginalized groups with education. At the time of writing this letter of support though, I am excited to apply for the Masters of Global Affairs (MGA) program at the University of Notre Dame and have therefore resigned my position as a founding member of the Governing Board of 7CsThrive. Strongly believing in the mission and vision of 7CsThrive to develop socially responsible citizens, I will continue to support my team in the capacity of an Advisory Committee member of the 7CsThrive Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me through e-mail [Edward.Mayberry@SanAntonio.gov](mailto:Edward.Mayberry@SanAntonio.gov) or on my cell (210) 846-3475 if I can be of more assistance in support of 7Cs Academy.

Respectfully,

  
Edward Mayberry