

January 13, 2020

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:

It is with great excitement 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 the Associate Pastor of Igniting The Harvest Church, I am delighted to see that the demographic projections of 7Cs Academy represents the demographics of my community. We have many needs in our community. The people in our neighborhoods deserve the best quality education in their backyard. We have bright kids and families that need greater educational opportunities. The proposed school will serve our students and families in San Antonio well. I know from my own educational experiences in traditional independent school districts, from the neighborhood I grew up in, the limitations that exist. I celebrate many accomplishments in my life, but also seek greater educational opportunities for the families I connect with and for my own children.

I am impressed with the educational program proposed for 7Cs Academy. By focusing on the triangle model with the 7Cs: Character, Competencies, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship; their guided inquiry learning with a STEM focus; the culturally relevant pedagogy planned for the school by starting with their A – Z community charter; and their evidence-based instructional design model with explicit instruction using *Designing Learning 2.0* will help meet many of the unmet needs of students and families in the Edgewood ISD area of San Antonio.

I strongly recommend 7Cs Academy and truly believe that authorizing this school will provide San Antonio students and their families the much-needed, high-quality educational opportunities that every student and family deserves.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 210-365-8036

Sincerely,



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Igniting The Harvest Church