



January 16, 2021

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 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.

Over the past two years, I have gotten to know Dr. Balasubramanian, the founder of 7Cs Academy well. We have had numerous conversations on how we might improve student outcomes. We are both convinced that providing our families with more choice options that build students' academic foundations in literacy and numeracy should be non-negotiable in San Antonio.

The thoughtfulness of the educational program that Dr. Balasubramanian's team has proposed for 7Cs Academy is commendable. Our students in San Antonio will be served well by learning the core principles of the school, which focuses on the "why" with the 7Cs: Character, Competencies, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship.

I recommend 7Cs Academy without reservation and truly believe that authorizing this school will provide San Antonio students and their families another needed high-quality educational option.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (832) 641-5588 or [STarim@RoyalTX.org](mailto:STarim@RoyalTX.org)

Sincerely,

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