
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



December 16, 2020

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

Subject: Letter of endorsement for 7Cs Academy

Dear Commissioner Morath:

I wish to express my support of 7Cs Academy's efforts to start a PreK-8 public charter school in San Antonio. I learned about this most worthy initiative through Ms. Rosario Crutchfield, who is currently serving as the Academy's Board Treasurer.

I serve as Professor of Engineering at St. Mary's University of San Antonio, where I have worked for 30+ years. It is the goal of our program to have competent professionals who practice engineering in an ethical manner, act professionally, make contributions to society, and become lifelong learners. The mission of the 7Cs Academy coincides with that of St. Mary's, in that they too seek to educate the whole person by giving their students strong academic skills, character, integrity, and the maturity to succeed in aspects of life. I find the Academy's desire to start the process of educating its students at the Pre-K level very worthy.

I am very impressed by Dr. Balasubramanian's drive, capacity, and vision. Under Dr. B's remarkable leadership, the board and its apt collaborators have put together a most attractive curriculum that is balanced and robust in all aspects. I value the fact that the 7Cs approach to education is competency and value-based and that there is a deliberate effort to have the students reflect on the significance of the content seen in the classroom and on developing invaluable analytical skills necessary for the solution of complex problems.

I am convinced that the population of San Antonio and, for that matter, any institution of higher education will benefit by the creation of the 7Cs Academy. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 210-431-2017 or rmoras@stmarytx.edu if I can be of assistance.

I look forward to collaborating with Dr. Balasubramanian and the Board on this endeavor and fully support their application.

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