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

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

Re: Letter of Support for 7Cs Academy

Dear Commissioner Morath and Dr. Ellis:

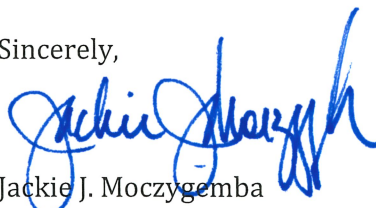
I am writing to you on behalf of the Ewing Halsell Foundation, in regard to 7Cs Academy, a proposed open-enrollment public charter school for students and families in San Antonio, Texas as presented by Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian and the founding board.

The Ewing Halsell Foundation, since 1957, has long been a supporter of high-quality education options. The Foundation has been focused on improving K-12 educational opportunities for students, families and educators in San Antonio over the past several years. The Foundation has made substantial commitments to grow and scale a portfolio of unique, high performing public charter schools across the city. Demand for quality public school options continues to increase across the region.

The proposed preschool through eighth grade school, 7Cs Academy, aims to provide a unique model and would be a welcomed addition to the San Antonio market. Guided inquiry learning with a STEM focus and character development lends to individual student development in the 7Cs - character, competencies, communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and citizenship through a sound curriculum of STREAM, applied design learning and social/emotional development.

The Foundation sincerely hopes you see the benefit 7Cs Academy will bring. San Antonio students, and the many more across Texas, deserve more quality public education options. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at jackie@ewinghalsell.org or call our office at (210) 223-2649.

Sincerely,



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