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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 PreK-8 open-enrollment charter school for students and families in San Antonio. Led by the highly capable Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian, I see a clear market for the kind of opportunity 7Cs will provide.

As a supporter of charter schools in our city I know firsthand of the extensive waiting lists that exist for quality seats. I also know of the deep frustrations shared by parents who desire quality options for their children but do not have the means to pay for private education. As a parent who did not have these charter school options at the time my kids were in elementary school, I am ecstatic to see the charter sector grow. I am a true believer that your zip code should not dictate where you go to school. School choice has always been an option for some – those that can afford to write a check for a private school education. I hope to see every parent have access to quality school choice options for their child.

By providing a well-rounded, child-centered education that integrates science, technology, reading, engineering, art, math, and social studies, 7Cs will ensure that every student graduates with the foundational skills and knowledge necessary for future success.

I am happy to recommend 7Cs Academy. I sincerely hope you see the benefit this school will bring to San Antonio students and their families.

Sincerely,

Nora J. Walsh
Executive Director