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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:

The School of Science and Technology believes in increased school choice to better serve students and parents. Because of the benefits school choice offers, I am pleased to offer support for 7Cs Academy, a proposed preschool through eighth grade charter school in San Antonio.

Charter schools provide options for all parents and in particular for those families that cannot afford a private school tuition when the neighborhood public school does not meet the needs and interests of their children. The School of Science and Technology is not the best fit for every student, and that holds true for traditional public schools, private schools and home schooling. 7Cs Academy will provide another option that can better serve some children.

School choice makes schools stronger and increases accountability for parents. Parents are generally more satisfied and more involved when they choose a school that best suits their children and instruction is more tailored to their needs and interests. This leads to higher achievement and higher graduation rates. The significant achievement gaps documented in San Antonio can be narrowed and closed. Significantly, students can be prepared to postsecondary opportunities and for high demand, high paying positions to support a vibrant economy.

Sincerely,

Mehmet Nalcaci
Superintendent