



CITY EDUCATION PARTNERS

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Commissioner Mike Morath
Texas Education Agency
The Texas Education Agency
Generation Twenty-Four
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Mike Morath:

This letter is to express our support for the authorization of 7cs Thrive Academy in San Antonio, Texas. Given the school's focus on educationally underserved students with a comprehensive educational model that incorporates critical thinking and character education, we support this school as a great option for students on the south side of San Antonio. As the Chief Executive Officer of City Education Partners, I believe they will be a great addition to our ecosystem.

At City Education Partners, our vision is that all students in the urban core of San Antonio have access to a high-quality public education, so they have the ability to live choice-filled lives. . With the achievement gap increasing and a steep economic divide, we need great options for all of our students regardless of which zip code they live in. 7cs Academy will offer students who currently do not have the ability, an opportunity to access a great school that will allow them the opportunity to enter college and succeed in life. Their willingness to be a partner in the community and serve in the areas that need it most will also set them up for success.

Furthermore, the board of the organization is strong with a rich community background. If authorized, we will continue to support 7cs to help ensure they can reach the critical milestones in year 0 for a successful school launch in 2022. We look forward to working with their team and TEA in order to make this opportunity a reality for San Antonio.

Sincerely,


Dalia Flores Contreras
Chief Executive Officer