



December 11, 2020

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:

I write this letter of support for **7Cs Academy**, a proposed preschool through eighth grade high-quality, open-enrollment charter school in San Antonio.

As a superintendent leading 28 schools in San Antonio, I know how critical high-performing charter schools are for San Antonio students and their families.

- Recently I spent a few hours with Nathan Balasubramanian as he shadowed me for a half day in my work with several members of my team; I found him to have a focus on student achievement as well as a deep regard for people
- While I have not known Nathan for a long time, I know that he has been in education for almost thirty years, and that he has a track record of improving student results, from improving graduation rates, to increasing SAT participation, to drawing financial support for his school system(s).
- The educational philosophy of 7Cs Academy is that every student will become an expert in the 7Cs: Character, Competencies, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship. 7Cs Academy's child-centered, hands-on approach to learning will complement an explicit evidence-based instructional model grounded in cognitive and neuroscience theories to equip students with both soft skills and advanced STREAMS (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, and Social Studies) knowledge.



I recommend 7Cs Academy as I truly believe that authorizing this school will provide San Antonio students and their families another pivotal high-quality educational opportunity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (210) 775-8778 or Rolando.posada@ideapublicschools.org

Sincerely,

Rolando Posada
IDEA San Antonio Superintendent