Families Empowered

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

Dear Commissioner Morath:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for 7Cs Academy Charter School, a proposed PreK – 8 charter school for families in San Antonio.

As the Founder and CEO at Families Empowered, I recognize the urgent need for high-quality schools for families. Families Empowered is a non-profit parent service organization. We have served families for 11 years, and currently have a network of nearly 100,000 families across Texas who are actively looking for school options. We communicate with these parents regularly and offer them accurate, actionable, neutral information about their options.

We know that there are thousands of parents that are seeking school options that fit their child's needs – we have served over 15,000 families in San Antonio in the past year. Having worked with hundreds of school leaders and potential school leaders, we also know that 7Cs Academy Charter School can offer some of these parents and students something truly unique.

The educational philosophy of 7Cs Academy Charter School is that students learn new skillsets to develop a positive mindset for lifelong success. 7Cs promises to focus on the whole child, with a focus on personalized learning for every child. The school's founder, Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian, is passionate about serving children with his innovative model and well-developed curriculum. I am particularly impressed with his focus on serving high performing students and their special learning needs while also ensuring that those who need extra help to achieve success receive it.

I recommend 7Cs Academy Charter School without reservation and truly believe that authorizing this school will provide students and their families in San Antonio the high-quality education they deserve. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 936-689-6506 or cdippel@familiesempowered.org.

Sincerely,

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