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

Subject: Letter of Support for 7Cs Academy

Dear Commissioner Morath:

I am writing this letter in support of 7Cs Academy to start a PreK – 8 public charter school in San Antonio, Texas.

As you know, I served 5 years as superintendent of schools at South San Antonio ISD and as a result, I clearly understand the importance of a high quality school being available for every child. Frequently, it is children of poverty that have the least opportunity for school choice. While I strongly believe that many traditional public schools do their very best to educate all children to the highest levels, they do not always succeed for a lot of different reasons. It is for this reason that I extend my support for public charter schools, including 7Cs Academy.

Two of my strongest school board members at South San, Ms. Angelina Osteguín and Ms. Elda Flores, serve on the 7Cs board. I have no doubt that Ms. Osteguín and Ms. Flores will be excellent board members for 7Cs Academy.

I have reviewed the 7Cs Academy curriculum with its emphasis on literacy and numeracy and agree that 7Cs will provide every child with a strong academic foundation. Their encore curriculum will also help reinforce the core curriculum provided.

I sincerely hope that you agree with my assessment that 7Cs Academy will provide families in San Antonio an excellent school choice. I know you have my contact information so please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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