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**VIA EMAIL DELIVERY**



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 am writing this letter of support for **7Cs Academy**, a proposed preschool through eighth grade high-quality, open-enrollment charter school in San Antonio. As a person who is passionate about the education of our children, I am impressed with the commitment I see from the 7Cs Academy leadership team to provide a critical high-performing charter school for San Antonio students and their families.

I genuinely believe that the educational philosophy of 7Cs Academy is to support every student in learning to become extremely proficient in the 7Cs: Character, Competencies, Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, and Citizenship. The 7Cs Academy's child-centered, hands-on approach to learning will certainly 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 am excited to recommend 7Cs Academy without reservation and 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 or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at **PHONE** or **EMAIL**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Pearson", written over a horizontal line.

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