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STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

I am pleased to support ICfE's Youth Council Youth Survey Report 2021. Listening to the voices of young people in our community has never been more important. With disruptions to schooling and social connections over the last two years as they dealt with the Covid restrictions has meant that young people have been particularly impacted. It is good to have a report that has surveyed them directly and provided a voice.

I applaud the 6 Youth Council members who have worked very hard to compile the 50 page report that is based on the 134 Illawarra youth responses to this Survey from August to the end of September this year.

Participants were invited to participate in the Illawarra Youth Survey to help understand their experiences, views and concerns about the COVID-19 Pandemic. This survey reached out to youth from all backgrounds including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, youth with disabilities, multicultural youth and youth who identify as LBGTIQ.

I am very pleased to see that the ICfE's Youth Council Youth Survey Report 2021, is considerably detailed and the recommendations are quite significant given the ongoing situation and youth mental health service and information gaps.

Yours sincerely

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