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Dear Dr. Jon Tonita:

I write on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada in support of the Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-Being's (SAYCW) Thriving Youth, Thriving Communities Survey 2019. We value our involvement in the work of SAYCW. As a department, we look forward to the ongoing provincial collaboration by using the data gathered from the survey to improve health equity and advance the overall health and well-being of youth and communities in Saskatchewan, which includes First Nations Youth attending high schools on and off reserves.

As a department, Indigenous Services Canada works with First Nations, Inuit, other federal departments, provincial and territorial partners to support healthy First Nations and Inuit individuals, families, and communities. While working with partners, we strive to improve health outcomes, provide access to quality health services, and support greater First Nations and Inuit control of the health system. In recent years, the health of First Nations and Inuit have improved; however, when compared to other Canadians, gaps still remain in the overall health status of First Nation and Inuit people. Indigenous Services Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health (FNIH) works with numerous partners to carry out many activities aimed at helping people stay healthy and promoting wellness.

Our regional office has been involved in the initiative since its inception and has actively participated in its success by providing an in-kind contribution to different working groups.

We are appreciative of the leadership and funding the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency has contributed to this important initiative. Indigenous Service Canada, Saskatchewan Region, supports the SAYCW Thriving Youth, Thriving Communities Survey 2019. We are committed to the SAYCW objectives, which are to improve the health and well-being of Youth and communities in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,

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