



September 7, 2018

Dr. Jon Tonita, Co-Chair, SAYCW Steering Committee  
President and CEO, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA)

Re: Letter of Support to SAYCW's Thriving Youth, Thriving Communities Survey 2019

Dear Dr. Jon Tonita,

I am writing in support of the Saskatchewan Alliance for Youth and Community Well-being (SAYCW) Thriving Youth, Thriving Communities Survey 2019. We value our involvement in the work of the SAYCW and look forward to ongoing provincial collaboration in using the data gathered from the survey to take action to improve health equity and the overall health and well-being of youth and communities in Saskatchewan.

As a leading organization in public health in Canada, PHAC is missioned to "Promote and protect the health of Canadians through leadership, partnership, innovation and action in public health". I understand that the goal of SAYCW is to implement a province-wide youth health survey and support Knowledge to Action activities to support evidence-based decision making on programs and policies in schools and communities in the province in healthy living, healthy behaviours, mental health, and other aspects in health promotion and prevention. PHAC's regional office is the focal point for the Agency to connect with stakeholders and support local initiatives in public health initiatives such as this one.

Our organization has been involved in this initiative since its inception and has contributed to its success by participating on the Steering Committee and former technical working groups. As a member of the SAYCW we look to increase our contribution in strengthening partnerships across sectors. The local level information gathered from the youth health survey will assist schools and communities in reducing some of the risk factors youth face in Saskatchewan. The application of a community-led Knowledge to Action model will enhance our existing health promotion and disease prevention efforts.

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

Sincerely,

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