



EFF STATEMENT ON 2020 MATRIC RESULTS

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The EFF welcomes the 2020 matric results and congratulates all matriculants who were successful in their examinations in a difficult and disruptive year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused great anxiety, instability and brought challenges to the Basic Education Sector. Learners have had to contend with lockdowns which were set in place to fight the spread of the deadly virus, they have had to manage an ever-changing and unpredictable academic year all the while having to manage the transition of education towards digital and remote learning.

Despite these socio-economic challenges, with many learners not having the necessary infrastructure to conduct learning in a safe and technological manner, the matric class of 2020 managed to reach an impressive 76.2% pass rate.

Although this marked a decrease of 5%, it represents that the most energetic and determined sector of our society has been that which is comprised of the children of the country. It is these young people who have shown us all that there is no challenge that cannot be overcome, even though their government continues to fail them by not providing adequate infrastructure and allowing separate development in the education sector.

We celebrate this generation and encourage them to further their studies in the tertiary sector, and pursue any qualification of their choosing, so long as it will contribute to making our nation and the continent stronger and developmentally superior.

The EFF encourages those who did not make it to not be discouraged, as they waged a war for education at a time when a virus was waging a war against humanity. May you be strong in this difficult time and try harder. Communities and loved ones of those learners who did not make it this year must be pillars of strength and hope for the youth, and protect them from succumbing to depression through motivation and encouragement.

As these matriculants enter the tertiary sector to further pursue their studies, we call on them to make the EFF and the EFF Students Command their first point of call for any of their needs.

The EFF will ensure that no child is barred from the doors of education because they do not have money, and we will fight tooth and nail for free education in our lifetime because education is the key to dignity and a prosperous Africa.

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