

EFF STATEMENT ON MATRIC RESULTS

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The EFF congratulates all matriculants who managed to pass their 2021 exams under difficult and uncertain conditions.

The class of 2021 managed to achieve a 76.2% pass rate, a marginal improvement on the previous year. This is a commendable feat considering the impact the COVID-19 had on the Basic Education Sector and the introduction of discriminatory online learning.

The EFF encourages all young people who have been able to pass their matric, particularly with a Bachelors Pass, to flood the gates of Universities and further their education. Matric is the first step in what must be a journey of investment in self-development, which has the potential to uplift South Africa and the continent.

All of those who may not meet requirements for University, or have a keen interest in vocational studies are encouraged to enrol in Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Colleges. This sector is in dire need of passionate and young students who will pioneer the industrial development of this country on the basis of education in various skills.

We send strength to matriculants who have fallen by the wayside and did not pass their exams. We advise these learners to pursue means of improving their results through the various avenues made available by government and their school. It is not the end of the world, and no one must shame these young people who tried their utmost under difficult conditions, despite their lack of infrastructure and lived conditions which adversely affected their performance. The EFF pledges to be at the gates of all higher learning institutions, to ensure that all learners are able to register for free and pursue an academic career without being prejudiced because they are poor.

It is now time for real Free Education to be declared and the EFF will be at the forefront of this struggle

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