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**GROW, LEARN, MAKE FRIENDS,
HAVE FUN WHILE HELPING OTHERS.**

Attn: Renae Attwell

Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Inquiry Committee,

The closure of Year 11 and 12 at District High Schools is a hotly debated topic at the moment. In my role of Eastern Wheatbelt District Governor, I represent seven Apex clubs, many of which have a District High School in their community. I have the opportunity to talk to members of these communities, many of whom have had or have children who attend these schools.

Helping our youth to grow personally is a large focus of the Apex Association. I strongly believe that this starts with a good foundation in education. Education is not just about learning the fact and figures; it is about learning values and experience and District High Schools are in a ideal position to offer their students these opportunities and more. I understand that there are a number of reasons, both economic and social, that parents may wish not to send their children away to larger centres or the metropolitan area. Boarding is not for an option for many students and their families, nor is travelling several hours a day on a bus to the nearest Senior High School.

To make the decision to discontinue the funding to District High Schools for Year 11 and 12 students will also have a detrimental affect on the communities in which these schools are based. The decision will affect families, businesses and the day to day functioning of these towns as people are forced to move in order to provide their children with an education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dedman'.

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