



Ditidaht First Nation



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Dear Members

RE: Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

We apologize in the delay of this letter. This is an incredibly difficult letter to write. We all share the deep-rooted pain that has once again been brought to the surface. There are no words to express the heartfelt sorrow and grief of the 215 remains of students from the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

It is with sincere condolences and compassion that we mourn with our neighbors, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all of the other communities who had children taken there.

We are all in shock, mad, overwhelmed, triggered, grief stricken, enraged, and appalled by this finding. We all have mixed emotions of our own, for those little ones and their families.

These children some as young as three years old, never stood a chance and for that we are deeply saddened.

Our existence is not evidence of the lack of effort for the government to extinguish us. It is our existence that is evident of our family's strength and determination to survive.

We support the call on the federal government and the Council of Churches to acquire the technology and go to every location where there either is a residential school still standing or where a residential school existed, and in using this laser technology, locate all the students laying in unmarked graves and return them ceremoniously to their communities.

With that it is with a very heavy heart and mind that we send our sincerest condolences to each and every Nation and their families in the Province of British Columbia and across Canada

Chief and Council
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